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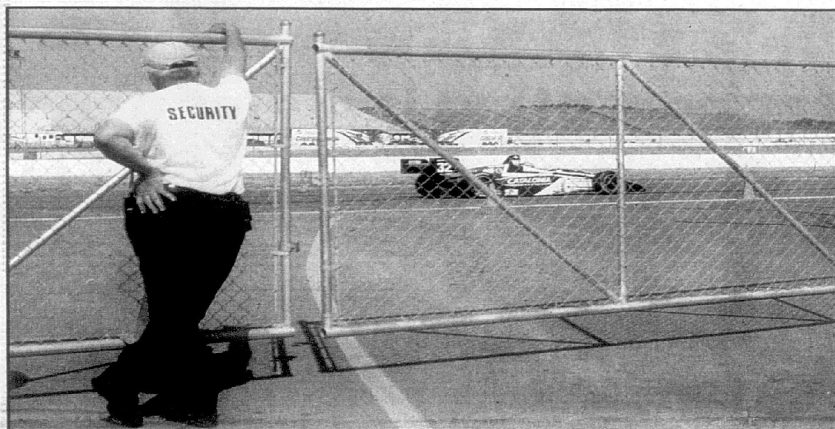
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FIFTY CENTS

Madison braces for weekend assault



A security guard at Gateway International Raceway watches a car speed by on the track.

'Monumental' task begins

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

From a large police and fire department presence to keeping track of vendor's business licenses, the city of Madison is as ready as it can be for race weekend.

With the Motorola 300 speeding into town this week, city officials and employees have been cleaning up and making plans for the influx of an estimated 60,000 racing fans.

Mayor John Hamm said the street department has been busy mowing, grading and putting up signs.

"We wanted to clean up all the high grass along Old Madison Road," he said. "We got a road grader in and graded off the shoulder of the road, we got our no-parking signs up."

The city recently passed no parking ordinances for Old Madison and Bend roads, and the frontage road to Gateway National Golf Links.

The city is also continuing its aggressive clean-up campaign.

"Third Street, Sixth Street, these are main arteries going out to the race," he said. "We have people all over the world flying into Lambert Field, getting over to the race. If we have people coming to town we want our town to look good."

He said office workers have the "monumental" task of keeping track

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Mayor John Hamm
one busy person

of business licenses, tent fees and all the other paperwork involved.

Police Chief Steve Skokko said about 50 officers from his department, the Illinois State Police and St. Clair County Sheriff's Department would be working the race.

He said traffic and crowd control is the big concern for race day.

The plan is basically the same as last year's.

"We have extra officers staffed for traffic control, we'll have officers inside the track this year," he said.

"It worked out fairly well (last year), there were some problems with the way traffic was dealt with at the entrance into the parking lots, that's been addressed and it seems to have

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Defendent found guilty

By Paul Mackie
Telegraph staff writer

The Madison County State's Attorney Office wants Felipe Lamont Hall, 34, to die for the murders of two Missouri women found in a field near Granite City.

Hall, formerly of Pine Lawn, Mo., was found guilty Tuesday on two counts of first-degree murder for the fatal shootings of Samantha Beasley of St. Louis, 17, and Christina Masters, 20, of Maryland Heights.

A jury hearing was to begin this Thursday to determine whether Hall will get the death penalty, which the State's Attorney's Office has requested.

"We hope that he does get the death penalty because we believe he deserves it," said William Hoffman, Masters' stepfather.

Hall showed no emotion as Circuit Judge Charles Romard read the verdicts. As the jury, which deliberated for 2½ hours, confirmed its decision,

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Rail officials to promote safety 'blitz'

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

In an effort to promote safety at highway/rail grade crossings, officials from Norfolk Southern Railway will be holding a "safety blitz" Thursday at the intersection of Pontoon Beach and Nameoki roads.

During the event, from 10 a.m. to noon, railroad workers and officials will be handing out Operation Lifesaver brochures and key chains to drivers and passengers at the stoplight.

Operation Lifesaver is a national

"I think it's been almost two years since there's been a fatal accident there. I consider it safer now than it was 5 to 10 years ago."

Chief Dave Ruebhausen
about tracks near Pontoon/Nameoki

organization dedicated to educating the public about railroad crossing safety.

Since it started 25 years ago, the agency is credited with saving 10,000

lives and preventing 40,000 injuries by an aggressive education campaign.

Last month, in the area, the Missouri and Illinois chapters of the organization filmed "Byron's Last

Day" — an education film about the dangers of trespassing on railroad property — in Venice and Madison.

According to information provided by the railroad, 26 people were killed and 73 injuries there were 26 fatalities and 73 injuries reported at crossings throughout the state in 1997. That is down from a high of 71 fatalities and 186 injuries in 1988.

Throughout the state, there are an estimated 9,572 crossings. Of those, about 2,200 have lights and gates, and another 2,700 have some kind of flashing lights or signals. Almost

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'It was love at first bite'



Horseradish Festival Co-Chairmen Judy McCann, left, and Chuck Meyer walk through Woodland Park in Collinsville.

Mascot marries; Rhonda to join Ralph at fest

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

The 11th Annual International Horseradish Festival will have more than one mascot.

Ralph the Root, an animated horseradish root who has graced souvenirs of the last few fests, is now a married man.

"Ralph and Rhonda met at last year's festival," Chairwoman Judy McCann said. "It was love at first bite."

The new duo will appear on this year's T-shirts and sweat shirts now on sale at Schnucks, 501 Bell Line Road.

Cookbooks, buttons and the shirts also will be on sale at the fest June 6-7 in Woodland Park.

The festival will have all its hall-marks: the root toss, root golf, and recipe and Bloody Mary contests.

It also will feature an expanded children's area, something that debuted at last year's festival.

"We'll have more little games for little guys," McCann said. "There will be things like a beanbag toss and a duck pond. It's things a family can do together, which is

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Warfield honored by members

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Mac Warfield has made his presence felt on the Madison County Board.

COUNTY BOARD

At Wednesday's regular meeting, board Chairman Rudy Papa presented the former board member with a plaque in honor of his "numerous contributions on behalf of the citizens of Madison County."

Warfield resigned his seat on the board recently to take the directorship of the Metro East Sanitary District. He was also appointed this month to the Granite City Council, where he served two previous terms before heading up to the county board. Former Granite City Alderman Alan Cridner now holds Warfield's seat.

"I wasn't here long enough to give you too much trouble," Warfield joked. He said it had been an honor serving with the county board.

"If I can help you out in my new job just let me know," he said.

Warfield was given a standing ovation by the board and audience.

In other action, the county board approved adjustments to

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

State must rectify unfair tax system

With the Illinois economy growing and elections fast approaching, Republicans and Democrats alike are talking about tax cuts. What people aren't talking about is the biggest problem with our state tax code: its unfairness.

In a 1996 study, Citizens for Tax Justice found that Illinois has one of the 10 most regressive tax systems in the United States. The study found that low-income families pay 13.6 percent of their income in Illinois state and local taxes, middle-income families pay 9.8 percent, and the wealthiest families, with an average annual income of more than \$1 million, pay only 6.1 percent.

The state income tax on Illinois individuals is a flat 3 percent. The rate applies equally to those making \$1 million per year and those making \$10,000 per year. Moreover, Illinois relies more heavily on property taxes to fund state government than do most other states. The net result, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, is that Illinois has one of the most regressive tax systems in the country, and is one of the worst states in imposing tax burdens on families near the poverty line.

One way of introducing tax fairness into the system is to raise the personal exemption for individual taxpayers, particularly those at the bottom of the income ladder. The personal exemption is currently set at \$1,000 per family member, the same level that it was in 1969. Given rising wages and inflation since 1969, the personal exemption has obviously lost much of its value. Strictly to adjust for inflation, the exemption would need to be \$4,100 today.

In 1972, the personal exemption covered 18 percent of the income of an average family of two and many, if not most low-income families, paid no state income tax. By 1994, the personal exemption for that

same family of two covered only 4.7 percent of its income, and families making less than the federal poverty are paying substantial state taxes on the little income that they have.

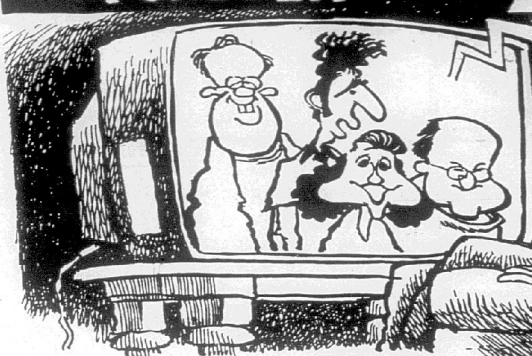
The solution is to raise the personal exemption. The Illinois Legislature is currently considering a measure that would increase the personal exemption anywhere from \$500 to \$1,500 for a family of four earning less than \$75,000 in adjusted gross income. This would translate into a \$180 tax cut for a family making less than \$25,000. Families making between \$25,000 and \$50,000 would receive a tax cut of \$120. Families earning between \$50,000 and \$75,000 would receive a \$60 tax cut each year.

The average state in the United States doesn't charge state income taxes until there is about \$10,000 in earnings. Earlier this year, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge proposed legislation to guarantee that families in his state earning less than \$25,000 pay no state income taxes. But in Illinois, those making as little as \$5,000 or more must pay income tax. An increased personal exemption such as this would give a significant tax cut to nearly one out of 10 Illinois families, about 10 million people.

The governor's budget proposal for the fiscal year 1999 leaves a \$750 million balance in the state's checkbook on June 30, 1999. Gov. Edgar has warned legislators about spending down that balance. An increase in the personal exemption goes hand in hand with welfare reform. If we want to move people off welfare, we have to make work pay.

(Written by Illinois State Sen. Barack Obama, D-14th District, and former state legislator James Nowlan, director of Journalism Fellows at the University of Illinois Institute of Government, for "Illinois Editorial Forum.")

A WAY TO HAVE SEINFELD GO ON FOREVER



...AND KEN STARR AS "JERRY."

Better parenting is major need

It blew my mind when I saw it and I wasn't alone in my reaction. The evening news shot of 21-year-old Jason Shipman, hands cuffed behind his back, being escorted by two law officers. He had a big smile on his face.

Shipman has been charged with first-degree murder, armed criminal action, rape and sodomy in the killing of a 13-year-old girl in St. Charles County, Mo.

The girl's decapitated body was found adjacent to the Lindenwood College campus and her head was found later in a portable toilet on campus. A 15-year-old has also been charged in the case. Spokesmen for the area's Major Case Squad have reported that Shipman has confessed to the killing and that the young girl was decapitated "for shock effect."

Years of observation tell me that Shipman will recant any confession he's reportedly made but even recognizing presumption of innocence until otherwise proven, I'm totally dumbfounded that the young man can find anything to grin about in his situation.

Amplify this particular crime to others of its kind,



Carol Clarkin

plus the recent rash of schoolyard shootings by juveniles and it's tempting to conclude that America's kids are going to hell in a hand-basket, which is far from true. Look around and you'll find more good kids than bad, or so it seems to me.

The times, they are a-changin', no question. And have been for a number of years. It's ridiculous for me to compare the society in which I grew up to the current one. For that matter, the same could be said of my own children's youth vs. the present, or even that of my grandchildren.

Drugs? Partially and sometimes, but a lot of what we've been seeing has no relation to drug use.

Irresponsible parenting? Indifferent educators? Possibly,

in some cases. Peer pressure? What's new about that? It's not the simple but it's certainly depressing.

Which is why a conversation one afternoon last week with a young, divorced working mother of two cheered me tremendously. There's an expression or the mood she was in, but not one I can use in a family newspaper.

Let's just say, she was teed off. Her older child, a student in our middle school, had boarded the school bus that morning, but after arriving at school had apparently found better fish to fry and failed to arrive in homeroom.

This prompted a call from the school to mom: "Is the girl sick today?"

"No, indeed," said mom, who then suggested that the parents of a couple of the girl's friends might also be called, just in case they, too, had failed to put in an appearance. And she sincerely thanked the school office for notifying her, and none of that "Oh, my daughter wouldn't skip school!" And the hunch about the kid's friend was a good one, too.

"What do you plan to say to her when she gets home tonight?" I asked.

"No, a word. She's going to come up with some story, of course, and I'm going to let her walk into her own little trap."

Predictably, the kid did just that. Came home on the bus, decoy story, too involved to go into here. Thought she'd managed to get away with it, but learned the following day she was looking at a three-day in-school suspension. Mom learned, through the school, of that, too, and supports the school's punishment wholeheartedly.

There's no comparison, of course, between violent crime and truancy. Most of us have been there and done that when it comes to skipping school. I know I have, and I suspect this mom has, too. But I like her attitude.

"Not long ago, she had some girlfriends over for a sleep-in. They wanted to go out and I said 'no way' and added that 'I'll be up all night, by the way' and she stayed up. In my house I make the rules and my kids and their friends will obey them. Same goes for school rules. Break 'em and pay the penalty."

Wish there were more moms like her? I do.

Violent nation must teach children respect, not rage

We are a busy nation. We scurry around with our over-committed schedules, and too often dispense with civility in our attempts to save time. We cut one another off in traffic. We bump into one another on the street. We pursue our personal and business agendas without the slightest regard for other people. Our children see that we care little for our fellow Americans.

The average child entering fifth grade has seen hundreds of thousands of acts of violence on television. This barrage continues throughout their school years, and many psychologists believe that it desensitizes youth to witnessing violence.

When this omnipresent violence is coupled with the demonstrated incivility among adults and the easy availability of guns in our nation,

tragedy can result. The tragic incident in the Arkansas schoolyard provides us an excellent opportunity to reflect on what we can do, as a society, to lower the decibel level and encourage constructive discourse and problem solving.

We must move toward a more civil society. We need to turn down the volume on our voices, remove the hate from our speech and begin to

teach a radical concept: that each human being has value. Peer mediation programs in schools can help. They teach students how to listen to one another, how to solve conflict without violence, how to manage anger, communication skills, self respect and trust, and how to express feelings in a constructive manner. Skills learned through peer mediation can be used not only in the schools,

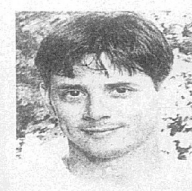
but in the students' neighborhoods and throughout their lives.

Peer mediation programs alone won't end school violence. But they can go a long way toward returning us to the more respectful approach to human interaction.

(Written by chairwoman Kimberlee K. Kovach and director Jack Hanna of the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution.)

THE VOICE BOX

On a scale from one to 10, how do you rate Wilson Park and why?



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Raceway expansion prompts possible property rezoning

Madison Council public hearing Monday

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Changes in zoning and the zoning code to allow larger signs and a rezoning of most of the property along McCambridge Avenue in Madison will be the subject of a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Monday, June 15, at the Madison City Hall.

The hearing was announced at the City Council meeting Tuesday.

The changes are being sought because of the expansion of Gateway International Raceway and increased interest in commercial development along McCambridge Avenue.

"The main traffic artery and business artery has become McCambridge Avenue. It's shifted away from Madison Avenue," said Zoning Board President George Amish.

City officials have proposed changing the zoning to B-2

business along all of McCambridge Avenue to the Granite City limits.

With the prospect of race fans traveling through the city, Mayor John Hamm said that the area will probably attract fast food, convenience stores and similar developments.

Most recently, Casey's General Store recently purchased property at Third Street and McCambridge. Hamm said he expected construction to start there sometime in the fall.

Another proposed change would allow larger signs in certain areas zoned for business and industrial use.

The changes are proposed because of the desire for larger or more elaborate signs near the raceway.

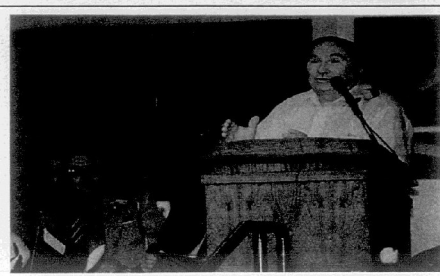
The expansion of the raceway and the Tax Increment Financing District is something new to the city of Madison, said Hamm.

The Council also approved the annexation of 11 lots between Third and Fourth streets in East Madison belonging to Manuel Foschiat.

In other business, the Council accepted a low bid of \$18,485 from Evanwood Contractors Inc. of Freeburg for the Meridian Road sewer project.

The winning bid came in about 10 percent higher than engineer's projections. The project was originally to be paid with a \$125,000 grant from Madison County Community Development, but with engineer's fees included only about \$100,000 of the money could be used for actual construction.

The Council also approved using approximately \$68,000 from the city's capital improvement fund to cover the remaining cost of the project.



JOHN FRESE / Press-Record

Changes—James Noeth, president of the board of education, speaks during the re-dedication of Granite City Senior High School Sunday May 17. Several guests and city officials had assembled in the brand new atrium built as part of the renovations. The public can view the renovations from 9 a.m. to noon May 30 and noon to 3 p.m. June 7. Student Council members and administrators will conduct the tours.

Woman charged in boy's beating

A woman from the Melvin Price Support Base was charged Tuesday for allegedly whipping an 11-year-old boy with an electric cord.

Cardette Fleming, 29, of the 300 block of First on the base, was charged by Madison County authorities with one count of aggravated battery.

According to the authorities, Fleming repeatedly beat the boy with a cord and with her fist.

Department of Defense authorities investigated the case, and were unavailable for comment. They did not release the relationship between Fleming and the boy.

Circuit Judge Lawrence Keshner set Fleming's bail at \$100,000.

Internet alcohol sales bill passes legislature

By Becky Vollmer
Telegraph staff writer

A bill aimed at blocking sales of liquor to minors over the Internet has passed the Illinois Legislature and awaits the governor's signature.

The bill, sponsored by state Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, passed the House unanimously Tuesday. Gov. Jim Edgar is expected to sign it.

The bill would require any one taking delivery of alcohol ordered through the Internet to be 21 years old.

It has received the support of the Illinois State Police. Mothers Against Drunk Driving and local law enforcement personnel, Hoffman said.

"Children and minors know more about the Internet than many of us," Hoffman said. "This legislation will keep Illinois law on the cutting edge and will stop underage chil-

'Children and minors know more about the Internet than many of us. This legislation will keep Illinois law on the cutting edge.'

Rep. Jay Hoffman
D-Collinsville

dren from getting alcohol over the Internet and having it delivered to their home.

A provision in the bill would ensure that excise and sales taxes are paid on liquor and beer shipped to Illinois from other states.

Taxes on wine are excluded

because of reciprocal taxing agreements Illinois has with other states, Hoffman said.

The state is losing millions of dollars because of liquor and beer shipped by out-of-state retailers, clubs and breweries directly to Illinois consumers, Hoffman said.

Under the legislation, alcohol shipped from other states will have to go through the same three-tiered system as alcohol in Illinois, which will ensure that all appropriate taxes are paid, he said.

Another problem with direct mail or Internet shipping of alcohol, Hoffman said, is that it often circumvents local liquor ordinances.

Through direct shipments, the industry can send to "dry areas" — where consumption of alcohol is restricted — and sell seven days a week, 24 hours a day, he said.

Police arrest local man after third disturbance

A Madison man found the third time was not a charm after being arrested for disorderly conduct Sunday.

Timothy J. Chappell, 38, of the 900 block of Greenwood, was charged with one count of disorderly conduct after police answered three disturbance calls at his home over the weekend.

At about 10:13 p.m., police responded to a report of a disturbance. When the officer arrived he saw Chappell's wife and three juveniles fleeing the house.

The woman told the officer that Chappell was attempting to bash in the back door with a hammer.

The officer went around the house and found Chappell banging on the heavily dam-

aged door with some kind of a hammer or hatchet. Chappell, who reportedly had a "strong smell" of alcohol — was taken into custody without incident.

Police had responded to two previous disturbances at the residence over the weekend, including one about 3 hours earlier.

In that case, the woman had asked police to remove Chappell from the residence, but they could not because the couple was married and both refused to leave. At the time, police warned Chappell that he would be arrested if they were called back to the house.

Police had also responded to a complaint at about 9 p.m. Saturday, but by the time police arrived he had left.

BRIEFLY

Veterans holding Memorial activities

United Veterans Memorial Day weekend activities in Granite City include:

May 23 — Placing of U.S. flags on the graves of veterans buried at St. John's Cemetery at 9 a.m.

May 25 — Replacement of the U.S. flag, the POW/MIA flag and the five service flags at 10:30 a.m. at the Greater Granite City Area War Memorial Park in downtown across from St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

May 25 — Memorial Day service and laying of wreaths at 1 p.m. at the War Memorial.

The Illinois Department of Transportation will close the Chain of Rocks Road over the Chain of Rocks Canal temporarily at all traffic.

The bridge will be closed starting at 5 a.m. May 21 and ending at 5 a.m. May 23. The closure is necessary so that a portion of the concrete deck can be poured and cured.

There will be six more closures before the work is completed in December.

Road rules course offered

The Granite City Council of Senior Citizens, in cooperation with Illinois Secretary of State

George Ryan, is offering a Rules of the Road Review Course for all citizens in the Granite City area from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday at the Granite City Township Building, 2660 Delmar Ave.

The course is free to everyone, any age, who wishes to attend. The purpose of this course is to help applicants pass the Illinois drivers license renewal examination. Drivers are informed about the current vision and driving ability part of the examination. The course also prepares applicants for the general written and road sign examination.

For more information call 877-4373.

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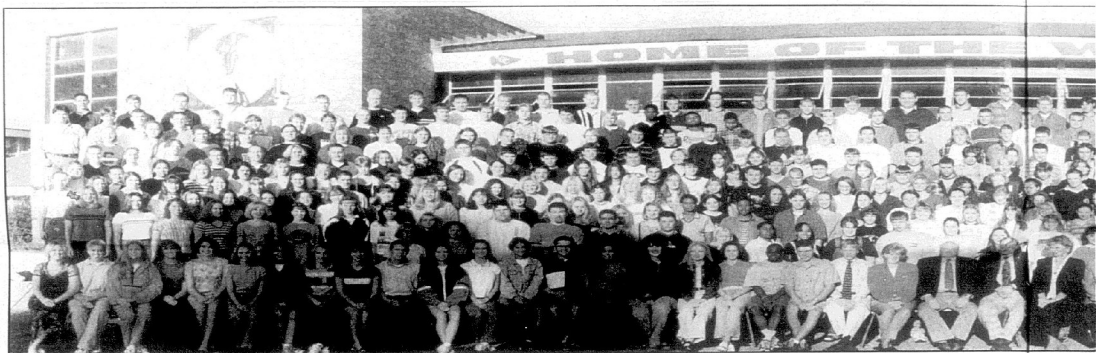
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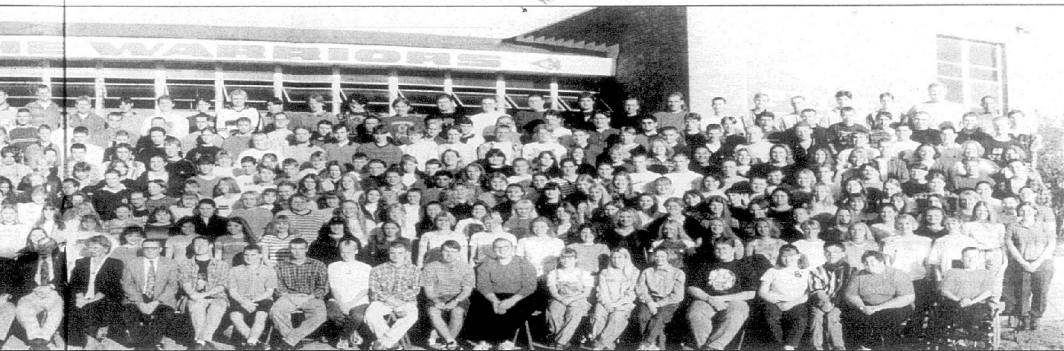
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Officials call for radio study

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Telegraph staff writer

The Madison County Board Finance Committee voted May 14 to call for a study of the county's various radio systems.

The committee approved calling for proposals from radio experts after two county officials pointed out several

reasons why the county may need an entirely new system.

Emergency Services Director Jack Quigley said various departments, such as his and the Sheriff's Department, operate on different systems on different frequencies, making it difficult when his office must talk to the Sheriff's Office or when the Highway Department must talk to the Sanitary Sewer Department.

Some of the county's radios are also ready for replacement, and others should be ready for replacement within five years, he said.

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Litter assistant approved

The City Council is hoping another assistant to the city inspector will help stop litterbugs in Granite City.

At Tuesday's regular meeting, the council approved appointing David Williams as an assistant to help crack down on residents who violate the anti-littering ordinances.

Williams, who also tapes city council and sports events for local cable Channel 6, will have the authority to issue citations to violators, said Mayor Ron Selph.

In other business, the council sent back to committee an ordinance that would limit parking on city-owned lots to vehicles weighing 3,000 pounds or less.

Alderman Craig Tarpoff was concerned that the ordinance would conflict with businesses parking heavier vehicles on lots rented from the city.

Damage stalls Metro East motorists

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

People who live in Illinois and work across the Mississippi River should consider alternatives to the Poplar Street Bridge, Missouri Department of Transportation Officials are advising.

A vital support for the bridge was heavily damaged Monday when a raised part of a garbage truck struck the top of the support, twisting the column underneath. MoDOT engineers considered the damage

too serious to allow any traffic on the affected portion of the bridge.

MoDOT has closed off the eastern approach to the bridge at Broadway on Highway 40/64, plus the Interstate 70 ramp east onto the bridge until at least Thursday evening, while temporary repairs are made.

Westbound traffic is unaffected.

Motorists can still get on the bridge from Interstate 55/44 from the south. MoDOT officials said they hope to have

the ramps open in time for this evening's rush hour.

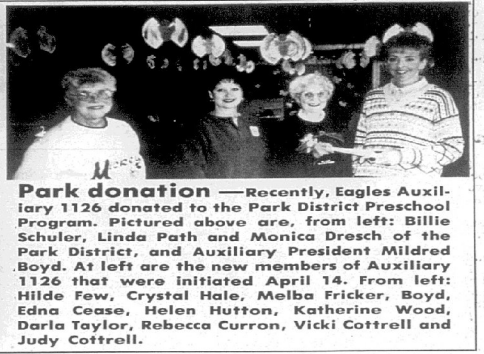
Alternate routes suggested include the McKinley Bridge in Venice, which connects Highway 3 in Illinois to I-70 north of the downtown area; the Martin Luther King Bridge, just north of the Poplar Street Bridge, which connects I-55/70 in Illinois to downtown St. Louis and I-70.

The only other alternatives are the I-270 bridge just north of Granite City, although traffic on that bridge is already greatly slowed because of

ongoing construction; the Clark Bridge in Alton; and the Jefferson Barracks Bridge down south.

Other options for those not driving include parking at the East St. Louis MetroLink station and taking the train into Downtown, or carpooling through such organizations as Ridefinders.

Most of all, officials suggest, is that drivers should be patient and plan accordingly until repairs are complete.



Park donation—Recently, Eagles Auxiliary 1126 donated to the Park District Preschool Program. Pictured above are, from left: Billie Schuler, Linda Path and Monica Dresch of the Park District, and Auxiliary President Mildred Boyd. At left are the new members of Auxiliary 1126 that were initiated April 14. From left: Hilde Few, Crystal Hale, Melba Fricker, Boyd, Edna Cease, Helen Hutton, Katherine Wood, Darla Taylor, Rebecca Curran, Vicki Cottrell and Judy Cottrell.

Village mourns death of clerk known as 'Glenda Carbon'

By Paul Mackie
Telegraph staff writer

Friends, family and village officials remember her as "Glenda Carbon," the woman who helped shape the village into the bustling community it is today.

When Glenda J. Kovarik died at her home at 6:30 a.m. last week, the 62-year-old former village clerk left behind a legacy of helping to "bridge" a gap between the old and new Glen Carbon.

"In 1976, she instigated the Covered Bridge (restoration) project for the bicentennial. That was her idea," said Mayor Ron Selph, who worked side by side with Kovarik for many years.

"Glenda was an outstanding village clerk. She really

enjoyed her work, and it always showed. She was a dedicated and contributing manager of the village. She took the village through the transition from a small community to a bustling, growing one."

Kovarik was village clerk for 24 years, retiring in 1992. She was a graduate of Edwardsville High School and was married to James W. Kovarik Sr. for 45 years.

"She was the very active, athletic type," her husband said. "She liked to golf, garden and fool around with the grandkids. We liked to travel. We went to Canada for a clerks convention and all over."

He said his wife had never been sick before she retired but suffered from an unknown degenerative disease for the

past 3½ years.

The Kovariks have an extended family in the Glen Carbon-Edwardsville area, including two sons, one daughter and eight grandchildren.

Rita Ranek succeeded Kovarik as village clerk in 1992. Ranek not only learned the ropes of managing the village from Kovarik, but they were also neighbors on Glen Crossing Road at one time.

"She was not only my boss, but my neighbor," Ranek said. "A lot of residents here called her 'Glenda Carbon.' She was very bright and bubbly. She used to dress up like Miss Piggy at parades. She had a good sense of humor like that."

"Glenda will be missed. It's a sad day." Kovarik was a mentor to more than just one person. Vil-

lage Trustee David Brammeier was elected to office in 1977 at the age of 24.

"I got on the board, and I didn't know much. Glenda guided me along and treated me as one of her sons. I was able to ask a lot of questions, and she was able to fill me in."

"When things looked dismal, she was always upbeat. She was a wonderful person to work with."

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Hall

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Hall dropped his head momentarily. Relatives of the victims cried when the verdict was read.

"I hope he gets the death penalty," said Tim Prewett, Masters' uncle. "(Hall) laughed the whole time (throughout the trial). He was laughing and smiling. (Christina) was my best friend."

Tracks

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5,000 have only warning signs or nothing at all. Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said the Pontoon Beach crossing is historically the city's most dangerous.

"That is the most abused," he said. Part of the problem is that high-speed passenger trains running between Chicago and St. Louis use tracks at the

Hoffman said, "We believe the jury found the right person, and for (the victims') sakes, we're proud that he was found guilty. We know that (Hall), from the beginning to the end, was the only one who did this."

In closing arguments, defense attorney Lyndon Evanoff of Belleville tried to convince the jury that Hall had taken more than one man

to abduct the two women, drive a van while holding them at gunpoint and shoot them in the field.

"There's absolutely no evidence Felipe was at the murder scene," Evanko said. "Felipe is innocent."

But Madison County Assistant State's Attorney Keith Jensen painted a premeditated picture of murder, leading to Hall shooting Masters, his ex-girl friend, twice with a shotgun and Beasley twice with a shotgun and twice with a 9mm pistol.

Board

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the county's enterprise zone. Cities in the northern portion of the county wanted wetlands that are unusable for industrial purposes taken out of the enterprise zone, while at the same time adding in other portions of the cities that can sup-

port industrial development. The change affects portions of the county, Alton, East Alton, Wood River, Hartford, Roxana and South Roxana. In other county board matters, Don Garrett, D-Madison, was concerned that appointments to fill various county

positions were not made available to the full board, and all the members were expected to approve their nominations without being familiar with them.

Papa explained they had only been sent to those districts where the appointment was to be made, but said Garrett had a good point and in the future would make the appointment lists available to the full board.

The board also passed a resolution to award a contract for Madison County Special Service Area No. 1 for extension of the Granite City Industrial Park sewers.

A contract was awarded to Kamadulski Excavating Inc. of Granite City, which had the lowest bid of \$30,537.88.

Finally, the board passed a resolution proclaiming May 21 a day of memorial for law enforcement officers in Madison County.

This year will mark the return of the Horseradish run as well as the first children's horseradish root relay. It's not too early to start getting in on the action. Recipe entries — which must feature horseradish as one of its ingredients — must be submitted by June 1. To sign up for root relay, call one of four men and two women, call the Collinsville Chamber of Commerce at 344-2884. For information on the children's relay call 345-0144.

Race

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been resolved, hopefully we won't have the backups we did last year.

"It's still new and we're still experimenting with different ways to do things," he said. An even bigger job is coordinating firefighters.

Madison Fire Chief Mike Foley will be coordinating fire coverage for the raceway and the city.

He said things were going "pretty good" so far. "The Atlantic cars will start testing tomorrow," he said Tuesday. "We'll have eight guys out there for that."

"With the next four days, we'll have someone out there every day all day," he said. "It's a big job, because you figure on race day we have 45 people out there, when you have a department that's only 20 or 30, plus we still have to cover our city."

Many of the firefighters at the race will be volunteers from other departments as far away as High Ridge, Mo.

"The majority of them are race fans," he said. Gateway has sponsored several training sessions, including bringing in experts from Charlotte, N.C. earlier this year.

Because of the different fuel combinations and materials used in different types of race cars, Foley said firefighting at the track can be very complex.

One advantage firefighters will have over last year's race is a trailer donated by Granite City Steel.

Foley said they will use the trailer for storage and to give firefighters a place to eat and rest.

"It will be a big asset for us," he said. In return for all this work, the city will benefit from the

race in several different ways. In addition to direct jobs for local residents, the city will benefit from sales tax revenue, license fees and a ticket tax.

"This year that goes from 30 cents last year to 60 cents for each sold ticket," Hamm said. "All indications we have was that their ticket sales are right on target," he said.

"They've added a fourth race this year and expanded seats," Hamm said. "They sent me a letter saying that they are going to get to 85,000 seats by next year, and they want to see a Winston Cup the following year, so that means more than 100,000 seats."

Next year, the ticket tax will also rise to \$1 per ticket. Casey's General Store recently purchased land from the city at Third and McCam-

bridge, and Hamm said construction should start there by this fall.

Ground has also been broken for a new Burger King restaurant near Ohio Street, and Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza has undergone a \$2 million renovation that includes Pizza Hut — now open — and Taco Bell restaurants.

Hamm also said Gateway National Golf Links is also doing well, and he has heard unofficially that they are getting significantly more business than originally expected.

There are also plans to rezone land along McCambridge Ave. from Gateway International to the Granite City as commercial property.

"You're going to see more fast food and retail up and down McCambridge," Hamm said.

There are also negotiations underway with developers on a motel/commercial complex near the raceway.

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Radio

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The Federal Communications Commission is also planning to change the required frequencies of the radios by 2004, and that will require new radios, anyway, Quigley said.

"It's going to cost big bucks to buy a new system, but operating with one system will save money in the long run," he said.

He said having one system will allow the county to let one maintenance contract, which should cost less, and order all its radio parts from the same company, also a probable savings.

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NEWS

'Transformed' new theme for Women's Conference

The 90th Annual Women's Conference was held April 30 through May 2 at Hillcrest Baptist Church, located at Country Club Hills in Chicago. The new theme for the year is "Transformed." A prayer and praise service was held Thursday evening, followed by a "Getting to know," the special guest speakers session. Sessions were held Friday morning, afternoon and evening, and a "Chicago City Mission Tour" was taken by bus on Saturday. Speakers were Paul and Lori Babb of the International Mission Board, Kazakhstan; Esther Burroughs of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mary Helen Dixon of Birmingham, Ala.; and Barbara Joiner of Columbia, Ala.



Maxine Green

Mrs. Leona Williams celebrated her 80th birthday Thursday evening with a surprise party given by her son, Chester Anderson Jr., and his wife, Kay. She received several nice gifts. Birthday cake and ice cream were served to a daughter (Shirley Jasodovic of Edwardsville), another daughter (Betty Hogue of Greenville, who came with her husband, Maurice), a grandson (Chris Anderson) and his wife (Rhonda), a granddaughter (Tina Lyons), great-grandsons (Charley Crider and Cody Singleton) and great-granddaughters (Ashley and Whitney Andersen). Also attending were Wanda Powers, Maxine Green, Ruth Bailey and Lucille Martin.

Take Charge of Your Diabetes class will be held Wednesday, May 27, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Wiesman Room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Classes are free, but pre-registration is required and may be done by calling 798-3201. Professionals in the field of diabetes, dietitians, pharmacists and certified diabetes nurse educators are in

charge of these classes.

A Mother-Daughter Banquet was held Thursday evening in the fellowship hall of Calvary Baptist Church, with 75 mothers and daughters attending. Ruth Dagon welcomed everyone, and Ilene Badgett gave the opening prayer and blessing. Dorothy Watkins read a Mothers poem. Decorations were wood figurines of girls with sprinkling cans. Marge Ellsworth gave a piano concert accompanied by her daughter, who sang solos and led other music. Ellsworth also had a display of Indian artifacts and gave a talk on the eight years she and her husband, Bill, spent as missionaries to the Indians.

Denise Wright has been chosen as one of the top ten Women of Achievement in the St. Louis area who have contributed to the strength and welfare of community service. She is a volunteer for the Protestant Episcopal Organization in Granite City, giving many hours of service to helping others. She is also a member of First Baptist Church in Granite City.

Avon meetings were held on Thursday at the local Avon office, with manager Phyllis Laster presenting new products and awards, accompanied by Cora Nance. Fifty-fifty drawings went to Donna Johnson, Maxine Green and Carol Gilling. Elaine Staton and

Rose Doolin won the Skin So Soft bag of products prizes for new customers. Carol Gilling won the car pool drawing. Numerous prizes were awarded in the new customer category.

Others attending were Julie Lotzy, Sophia Bero, Carol Loving, Norma DeVault, Chloe Denny, Winnie Pointer, Andrea Oliver, Eileen Davis, Dorothy Lawrence, Todd Smith, Eileen Duffield, Lois Hoy, Martha Becker, Rosa Lux, Helen Miller, Connie Chronister, Lillian Ruegge, Tommie Myers, Cheryl Anshel, Eula McKee, Carla Grant, Debbie McElroy, Pam Wallis, Jodi Johnson, Melanie Solomon, Janice Watson, Carmon Dixon, JoAnn Stephens, Lola Voyles, Melissa Williams, Tonya Wellmaker and Vinca Berry.

The President's Club Tribute Banquet for 1997-98 will be held May 29 at the Frontenac Hilton Hotel beginning at 11 a.m. For transportation arrangements call Phyllis at 877-4673. The group will be leaving the Avon office at 10 a.m.

SCHOOL HONORS

The following students at Metro-East Lutheran High School in Edwardsville earned academic honors during the third quarter of the 1997-98 school year.

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 Caseville — Sherill Small.
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Juniors
 Collinsville — Andrew Englsh, Glen Carbon — Angela Knud.

Maryville — Nathanael Ginchir, Sophomores.
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 Edwardsville — Timothy Born and Jennifer Schmidt.
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 Granite City — Andrew Foley.
Freshmen
 Collinsville — Kristen Wade.
 Caseville — Nathan Chappell, Jennifer Lehl, Anthony Kober and Jennifer O'Mara.
 Edwardsville — Jeremy Smith and Luanne Worles.
 Glen Carbon — Jessica Bowers and Renee Seehausen.
 Granite City — Adam Hart.

Work to raise cable rates

By Paul Mackie
 Telegraph staff writer
 With improved services, Charter Communications' cable TV subscribers will see a higher monthly charge on their June bills.
 Thirty channels have been added since this time last year, which is one reason the extended cable package will increase from \$18.24 per month to \$22.33.
 "We're experiencing a rapid growth in customers," said David Niswonger, regional vice president of operations for the company.
 "We've got more new customers in the first four months of this year than we had in all of 1997."
 Niswonger said the monthly rate is based on both programming cost expenditure and increased investments of cable infrastructure.
 "We're investing about \$15

million and 145 miles of a fiber optic network that will have the capacity to have 80 or 90 analog channels and over 200 digital channels, with lots more coming in the future."
 Niswonger said cable upgrades should be completed in the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon area this week.
 James Bridwell, chairman of Edwardsville Cablevision Advisory Committee, said consumers will have to make the ultimate decision on whether they want to pay the higher cost.
 "With fiber optics, there's an increased capacity and better clarity of signal," he said.
 "People want more choice, and they're going to pay for it."
 "Once the upgrade is complete, we'll have the cable company come visit with the City Council."
 Bridwell said he thinks the

rate increase will be "within the guidelines" when his committee meets with Charter.
 Recently added channels include ESPN2, TV Land, Home and Garden TV, Classic Sports Network, Country Music TV, FX, Cartoon Network, Animal Planet, Z Music, Bravo, Outdoor Life and E! Entertainment TV.
 Networks that were part time a year ago are now full time include Fox Sports Midwest, CNBC, RPT, E! Word TV Network, C-SPAN and Preview Guide.
 "New premium channels are HBO2, HBO3 and Cinemax."
 "We'll add a few more channels by the end of the year," Niswonger said.
 "And next year, we'll add a new digital tier and Internet access through the TV."

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED

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Recently a woman contacted this office and indicated that her daughter was being harassed and physically abused by an older neighbor girl. Apparently the abusive girl next door was still a minor, but was hitting the other children in the neighborhood and tearing their clothing. The parents of the delinquent child stated that they were unable to control her behavior.

What can a parent do if his children are victimized in this situation? The woman who contacted this office wanted to know if delinquent children who harm other children are "outside the law governing adults." Another question in these matters is whether the parents are responsible for the actions of their children. It should be noted that a child who assaults and batters other children can be prosecuted in the juvenile court. In addition, the parents of the abusive child can be held liable for damages in certain circumstances.

A recent case spelled out when parents can be held liable for damages resulting from a failure to supervise their child. In this case, a three year old set off a robbery alarm in a local savings and loan on May 19, 1983. A police officer responded to this false alarm and was injured in an automobile accident while traveling to the lending institution. The facts indicated that this same child had set off another false alarm at this same savings and loan six days before the incident in question, and the mother was aware of this.

The Court here held that the mother owed a duty to the police officer to control the actions of her child. The Court emphasized that the mother had knowledge of the need to supervise her child since she was aware of his prior misconduct. In addition, she had the opportunity to control him in the savings and loan on the day in question. This reasoning can be applied to the situation involving the violent child in the neighborhood. If the parents of the delinquent are aware of his dangerous activities and have the opportunity to prevent them, they can be held liable for damages if they breach this duty.

As previously noted, the parents of the victim can also bring charges against the delinquent minor at the local police station. Many police departments will interview both families in these cases. The parents of the injured child can then sign a complaint against the other child.

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SPORTS

Warriors avenge loss to Alton

Granite City blanks Redbirds to complete regular season

By Jason Sharp
Staff writer

The Granite City High School soccer team completed its regular season schedule Tuesday with a resounding 4-0 victory against the visiting Alton Redbirds.

The victory improved the Warriors' record to 11-3-2 on the year. It also restored some of pride as Granite City avenged its only loss of the season against an Illinois team. The Lady Warriors were beaten 1-0 in Alton on May 7.

"We played a lot better game today," Warriors coach Gene Baker said Tuesday. "This was much different. We were ready to play."

The Lady Warriors indeed were ready to play for the Southwestern Conference game.

For much of the evening, Granite City was camped in front of the Redbirds' net. In fact, the Warriors may have been pressing too hard in their bid to establish an early lead. During the first half, they fired a number of their hard-earned shots high above the Alton goal.

"I think we could have had five in the first half alone," Baker said. "We had a lot of chances early in the match, but we weren't able to capitalize on. We just needed to settle down a bit."

While the game remained a scoreless tie well into the second half, Granite City's high pressure drives would eventually force a breakdown by Alton.

The break finally came 26 minutes

56 seconds into the second half, when Warriors sophomore Erika Todd was tackled just inside the penalty box by

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Alton's Lindsay Kennedy.

"That was clearly a foul," Baker said. "Anytime you tackle someone from behind, there's going to be a whistle."

The officials agreed, and Granite City took the lead 1-0 on a penalty kick by Melissa Montgomery.

"I wasn't that happy with the officiating," Redbirds coach Don Schmidt said. "But what can you do? Granite City played a much better game. They kept the pressure on us."

Granite City's pressure got to Alton again just two minutes later when Todd, who drew the foul earlier on the PK, fed Jolene Harris in front of the Redbirds net for a goal which made the score 2-0.

"Erika Todd had a nice game for us," Baker said.

The Warriors made it 3-0 with 7:24 seconds left in the game when senior Amanda Townzen beat the Alton keeper one-on-one after taking a pass from Natalie Judge.

"The goal by Townzen was really nice," Baker said. "She's a senior so that's her last (regular season) game with us. Her (half) sister Natalie got the assist."

Freshman Chris Withers got the final goal for the Warriors. She walked through the beleaguered Alton defense with just 20 seconds left on the clock and tucked the ball neatly into the net.

"Granite City has a good team," Schmidt said. "They won't lose to you twice."



JOHN FRIESE / Press-Record
Granite City senior Amanda Townzen scored the Lady Warriors' third goal on an impressive play during a 4-0 victory against Alton on Tuesday.

Warriors' win streak ends at three

By Jason Sharp
Staff writer

Following Monday's victory against Triad, the Granite City High School softball team tried to pick up a fourth consecutive victory — and reach the 500 mark — Tuesday afternoon at Belleville Althoff.

The Warriors were short-gamed, dropping a 10-0 decision to the Crusaders.

"I'm very disappointed," Granite City coach Deb Germann said after her team fell to 9-11. "Althoff hit the ball well today. We made some mistakes and got behind early on some pitches, then had to come back and lay the ball down the middle. That's how they got a lot of their runs."

It didn't help the Warriors that the Crusaders had ace pitcher Katie Kleoss on the mound. Kleoss, daughter of Althoff coach Mary Kleoss, is one of the top pitchers in the Metro East.

"Katie's a tough pitcher," Germann said. "There's no doubt about that. She's a junior and she's only going to get better."

Kleoss pitched six shutout innings against the Warriors, giving up only

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one hit and striking out nine.

The sole hit for the Warriors came in the third inning, when senior Jessica Stratman delivered a two-out single.

Stratman's single, on a 3-2 pitch, sparked the Warriors' best threat. The Warriors followed Stratman's single with a sacrifice bunt by Jenna Wright. Jessica Reader then helped the Warriors along by drawing a two-out walk.

After the walk to Reader, Kleoss was able to put a lid on the Warriors' rally and end the inning without allowing a run.

"Our kids were really pumped up for this game," Althoff coach Mary Kleoss said. "We'd heard a lot of good things about Granite City. They've been playing good lately, so it was an exciting game for us."

"I think the thing for us was to get ahead early, which we did." The Warriors were scheduled to play at 4:15 p.m. in Waterloo on Wednesday.



JOHN FRIESE / Press-Record
Granite City's Kara Coleman fouls off a pitch during a recent game against Belleville West.



JOHN FRIESE / Press-Record
Granite City's Robyn Slater braces for a collision at third base as a Belleville West player slides in to the base just ahead of the tag. The Lady Warriors had a three-game win streak snapped Tuesday.

CART drivers coming to Gateway for Motorola 300

Special to the Journal

Auto racing is not a sport known for a sport in which the crowd can have an impact.

AUTO RACING
KOOL Green driver Dario Franchitti remembers the

roar of the crowd at Gateway International Raceway last year when the Motorola 300 was run for the first time.

"At the starting line, while we were getting ready to get into the cars, I looked up and I watched this crowd on its feet, cheering, really into what

was going on — and I thought, 'This is fantastic!'" said Franchitti, a Scotsman who turned 25 this week.

"Then we had that series of yellow flags in the middle of the race (two because of drizzle) and I could hear them again. They were still into it, still excited — and you could tell they knew what was going on. It was a great atmosphere."

Franchitti would like to celebrate his birthday Saturday with a solid performance Saturday in the second Motorola 300 race, an event on the CART FedEx Championship Series.

Franchitti led last year's race after the final rain-induced caution, but gearbox problems forced him to

retire late in the event and Paul Tracy of Canada went on to win the race. Tracy and Franchitti, a rookie last year, are teammates on Team KOOL Green this season.

Action at Gateway begins today with practice sessions, followed by qualifying on Friday. The Motorola 300 begins at approximately 12 noon on Saturday. The race will be televised by ABC-TV (locally, KIDL-TV, channel 30) and broadcast on radio by the K-Mart/CART Network (locally, WJBV-AM, 1260).

In addition, the PPG-Dayton Indy Lights Championship race will race

Saturday and the KOOL/Toyota Alton Championship cars will make their debut at Gateway on Friday.

Ticket prices are: \$10 general admission on Thursday for adults, free for children under 12 with an adult; and \$20 general admission on Friday for adults, free for children under 12 with an adult. On Saturday, tickets are \$28, \$55, \$75 reserved for adults, and \$18, \$35, and \$55 reserved for children. For information, call MetroTix at 888-827-7333.

(See GATEWAY, Page 3B)

Bob Emig

Edwardsville rules roost in all-sports race

There once was the thinking that Edwardsville High School couldn't compete in the Southwestern Conference. So, despite being a charter member of the prestigious league in 1923, school officials voted to pull out of the SWC in 1979.

The Tigers opted to play as an independent or as a member of either the Gateway East Conference or the South Seven. But the Tigers' athletic fortunes and thinking began to change in the 1990s. They wanted back in the SWC, and so they got their wish, rejoining the league for the 1996-97 school year.

Now, Edwardsville is competing quite well in the SWC. In fact, in only its second year since returning to the league, the Tigers will capture the All-Sports championship. Since the inception of the award, Belleville West has been a perennial winner with Belleville East winning the honor four times. No other school — that is, until now — had walked away with the All-Sports top honor, which recognizes the conference place finishes for both boys and girls teams in varsity sports.

The standings in the spring sports are yet to be determined, but it appears that Edwardsville will have finished no lower than third in the conference in any sport except for girls soccer.

In the fall, the Tigers topped the league with 47.5 points. Seven points are awarded for finishing first, six for second, etc., down to one for seventh, or last. Edwardsville was first in boys cross country and girls golf and tied for first in boys golf. The Tigers also took second in football and girls cross country and tied for second in girls tennis.

Edwardsville placed first in both boys and girls basketball during the winter season when it also topped the league with 17.5 points.

In the spring, the Tigers will win the baseball title, finish second in girls track and has been strong in softball.

"When I came to Edwardsville six years ago as the athletic director (and head football coach), one of my top priorities was to get us back into the Southwestern Conference," said Tim Dougherty, who has built his football program into a Metro East powerhouse. "During the interview process, the inference was that Edwardsville couldn't compete in the Southwestern Conference. We have proven we can. There will be down cycles, of course, but we're looking for more up cycles than down ones."

Dougherty said most of the complaints he got now as the AD are that people "want to do more."

Several factors have contributed to making Edwardsville a SWC power. First, the coaching staff. Second, the enrollment keeps growing — it's now at 1,900 — making it closer to the enrollments of the other schools in the league. Third, Edwardsville's facilities have continued to improve. Moving into a new school this fall has also helped the athletic program, now that the school is located across from its athletic complex, and its gym space and amenities such as the weight room have expanded and improved.

EHS soccer coach Mark Schwarzkopf also points to the support that the athletic programs have received from the parents.

"The athletic program is very community-based," Schwarzkopf said. "The parents are very supportive, not only of their own children but also of their children's teammates. They have a great deal of respect for sports achievements."

Schwarzkopf's soccer teams have been one of the key contributors to the Tigers' athletic success. Soccer once was the domain of Granite City and Collinsville but Edwardsville is now a player for Metro East supremacy. The Tigers have made it to the state tournament finals in two of the last three years, finishing second last fall. The Tigers upset St. Charles 2-1 in the semifinals, posting one of the bigger upsets this school year in state competition. (St. Charles was seeking its third straight state soccer title.)

Basketball, under coach Mike Waldo, and baseball, under Tom Fife, also have become Metro East powers at Edwardsville. Bud Vallino guided the girls basketball team to its first SWC championship ever this year.

"We have raised the expectation levels of our coaches and athletes," Dougherty said. "We have committed, dedicated coaches, and the kids have been willing to accept the demands we place upon them as student-athletes."

SPORTS

Collinsville alums will honor Fletcher

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

It is not a roast, but it is the next thing to one.

Members of the Collinsville High alumni are hosting an open house for the man everyone in town knows simply as "Coach."

The event takes place from 7-10 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Maryville.

Event organizers insist they are not roasting legendary basketball coach Vergil Fletcher, who many publications have called the greatest high school basketball coach of all-time. Instead, the alumni simply want to extend an invitation to all former Collinsville High athletes, managers, cheerleaders and fans of the Fletcher era (1946-1978) to attend the open house.

Fletcher coached the Kahoks boys basketball team for 32 seasons. During that time, he won two state titles (1961, 1965) and finished second (1957), third (1978) and fourth (1950). He won 20 Southwestern Conference basketball titles. His career marks stands at 797-171 for an 814 winning percentage.

"Ray Sonnenberg and I got together six months ago and

said we ought to do something for Fletcher," said Elwood Sapp, a former basketball player and 1950 graduate of CHS. "Just a get-together, nothing fancy; just an opportunity for us to visit with him and for him to visit with us. It is open to the public. It is not just for people who played for him.

"We're not going to have any speakers or anything like that. We are kind of trying to tie it in with the Purple Pride golf tournament, which is the day before. Any of those athletes who come back to participate in the golf tournament can stay the next day and go to this for Fletcher."

Sapp is hoping the event will draw a large crowd. Sapp said letters are being sent all over the country to those Collinsville High athletes who had Fletcher as a coach in basketball, football, track or cross country.

"The biggest problem is trying to find out where are all these people live. We have attempted to do is have one individual in each class from all those years who played for him try to help us locate folks," Sapp said. "That is where the challenge has been."



Collinsville's Vergil Fletcher coached the boys basketball team to 747 victories.

Hor d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar available. Tickets are \$10 and are on sale at Rogie Redmon Insurance Agency, 405 St. Louis Road; and Your Insurance Agency (Pat Darling), 208 E. Main St.

Hendrickson guides Fontbonne College to 40-victory season

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

COLLEGE BASEBALL

It hasn't taken long for the Fontbonne College baseball team to make a name for itself in NCAA Division III.

The Griffins, who just completed their fourth season of baseball, had more wins in the regular season (40) than any other Division III team in the country.

They earned their first bid to the NCAA Regional Tournament last weekend, although they lost both games in the double-elimination tournament.

"I hate to measure our season by what happened last weekend," said third-year Fontbonne coach Darin Hendrickson, a 1987 Granite City graduate who played in the 1991 NCAA Division II World Series for Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville. "The bottom line is that we didn't do the things over the weekend which enabled us to win 40 games. It was a bad way to end a great year."

Fontbonne opened the regional with a 6-4 extra inning loss to North Central College from Naperville, Ill. "That was a very emotional first game," Hendrickson said. "We left a lot of runners on base. It was a real back-breaker for us."

Fontbonne was eventually eliminated 17-2 by the host team, Carthage College.

"The wind was out of our sails after the first game," Hendrickson said. "It was

tough to respond after losing in extra innings and we were never in the game."

The six runs scored in the two games in the tournament were roughly half of the pregame scoring average (the Griffins posted throughout the season, Fontbonne was fifth in the nation in runs per game (11.4) and second in team batting average (.392). One of the biggest offensive explosions came against Saint Louis University, a game which Fontbonne won 27-7.

"This was a team made for offense," Hendrickson said. "We lived and died with the long ball."

The Griffins certainly had a lot of life in the bats: Five regulars hit better than .400.

Dusty Bauer (Greenview) was the team's top offensive threat, hitting .482 with 14 homers and 72 RBI. He was in the top 10 in the nation in RBI.

Brad Windler (Nashville) actually led the team in average with a .483 mark while John Anderson (South Bend, Ind.) was the team leader in home runs with 15. Anderson had 60 RBI.

"We hope that this season is just a beginning for us," Hendrickson said. "We'll have five starters returning along with eight of our top 11 pitchers. We're heavily recruiting in the local area."

Kahoks win regular season finale

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

PREP BASEBALL

Collinsville High senior Justin Krausz was looking for a way to ignite the Kahoks offense in the team's last regular season game of the 1998 campaign Tuesday afternoon at Arthur Fletcher Field.

Krausz, the Kahoks' leadoff hitter, yanked the first pitch he faced over the outfield fence, igniting Collinsville's 11-1 Southwestern Conference rout of Alton.

"He jumps the ball out of the park and we were just kind of off and running," Collinsville baseball coach Steve McFall said. "Even though they got out of that inning, we just really got after them in the next inning."

For Krausz, who finished the day 3-for-4 with four runs batted in, the home run was his fourth of the spring. "I was actually looking for a fat pitch to hit," said Krausz in describing his home run homer. "Before the game in batting practice, I was hitting the ball really good. I took one out in batting practice and hit the other ones to the fence. I was going to try to hit one out, especially since it will be one of the last home games I play here."

It was a memorable game. The Kahoks sent 11 batters to the plate in the second inning. Most of the damage took place after they were two outs in the inning.

Wayne Astrauskas got things rolling with a leadoff single. He scored easily on Jason Kosloff's triple. With one out, Brady Bruhn hit a sacrifice fly deep to right-center field to score Kosloff.

Dennis Russell walked to start the two-out scoring spree. The Kahoks followed Russell's walk with five straight hits and led 7-0 after two innings.

Bruhn singled and scored in the third inning to give the Kahoks an 8-0 advantage.

Alton's lone run came in the top of the fourth. Craig Harmon reached on Jason Kosloff's error in right field to start the inning. John Down singled to score Harmon to third. Matt Dornier came to score Harmon. After Dornier's single, Collinsville ace Kenny "Big Country" Lutz struck out the side to get out of the jam.

"He wasn't drinking water the first three or four innings. I think he dehydrated himself a little bit," McFall said. "He

got out there, got to throwing, got into a rhythm and then all of sudden he said, 'I feel real weak.' I said, 'Have you been drinking any water?' He said, 'No.' I said, 'You have got to start.' That is just one of those mistakes because he got excited. He threw the ball hard. I thought he threw as hard as he has thrown it in a couple of starts."

The Kahoks went into the bottom of the fifth inning needing just three runs to short game the Redbirds (9-13). CHS started the inning with four straight singles. Krausz's baseloaded single drove in two runs. Dan Munoz followed with a nubber to short that was kicked, allowing Russell to score the Kahoks' 11th and final run of the game.

Collinsville's victory against Alton all but locked up second place in the SWC race for the Kahoks (21-8).

"We came to try to win it (SWC title) and we didn't," McFall said. "My hat is off to Edwardsville."

The Edwardsville Tigers are still unbeaten this spring. While the Kahoks didn't capture the SWC title they had set as a goal, the Kahoks did top the 20-win benchmark again. "We've been fortunate to

have good kids," McFall said. "It is six years in a row. I know the kids take some pride in that and I guess that I do too."

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Krausz sets the table for CHS with aggressive style

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

PREP BASEBALL

Justin Krausz likes pushing the envelope when he runs the base paths.

As the leadoff hitter for the Collinsville baseball team, Krausz's philosophy is a simple one: Try to reach home plate at any cost. And that he has done. Krausz is among the Metro area leaders in runs scored with 31 this season.

"I see what is going on where the players are playing," Krausz said. "Whenever I can or however I can score, I'll do it. Saturday in a doubleheader split against Carbonade, I could have stole third a couple of times. The guys were playing too far back but as one of the main leaders on the team, I have to look at things and find out how I am going to score and then I go back to tell the other players."

"I use my speed because that is an advantage I have got. I have only been thrown out once (stealing) because I slipped. Other than that, I have not been thrown out at all this year."

With the help of his father, Justin Krausz has worked hard at honing his baserunning and all facets of his game. He has been more than pleased with the results this spring.

The big surprise has been the four home runs Krausz has hit — one came Tuesday in the first inning against Alton.

"I've been working out and getting stronger every year," Krausz said. "At the beginning of the year, it was a slow start. I really didn't know what to expect. I expected a lot more kids to throw a lot better. I've really only faced a couple of teams that pitched pretty good."

"I'm really proud of what I am doing this year. I am working out, and strengthening myself. I'm really helping me with my bat speed. I am running a lot faster. I would like to get down

below seven seconds running around the bases."

He relishes the role as the Kahoks' leadoff hitter. He quickly came to realize how vital the leadoff spot was at the beginning of the season. Even though he was struggling at the plate, he was still contributing by telling the other hitters behind him what he thought of the pitcher's control.

Once Krausz became comfortable in the spot, he began contributing with his bat.

Another role he has settled into is that of a spot starter in the pitching rotation. He has picked up three victories on the mound this spring.

"I worked on (pitching) when I was little," Krausz said. "I love to pitch, but I don't want to rather play in the outfield because of my

"I love to pitch, but I don't. I would rather play in the outfield because of my arm."

Justin Krausz
Collinsville senior

arm. I like pitching but I would rather play in the outfield. I can throw a fastball for a strike. I can throw my curveball and changeup for a strike. Those are the three pitches I have mastered.

"My dad has helped me tremendously. He pushes me to where I play hard. Every since I was little, he didn't favor me. If I messed up, I was sitting on the bench. We practiced hours and hours and hours in the backyard. He's helped me a lot and I appreciated it."

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Seets posts fifth win in NASCAR Series at Tri-City

John Seets needed most of the race to reel in the leader and win his fifth NASCAR Winston Racing Series Modified feature last Saturday night at Tri-City Speedway.

Pole-sitter Bubba Smith held off John Seets in the opening laps while defending champion Ray Walsh and Tom Seets gave chase. Walsh passed John Seets on lap three, and on lap five he raced around Smith. Smith spun out in lap three, bringing out the caution. When the race resumed, the Seetses shadowed the leader for the next five laps.

With two laps to go, John Seets finally got around Walsh down the backstretch. On the last lap, the trio raced through the turns three wide. Walsh finished second and Tom Seets finished third.

John Dickerman needed just one lap to grab the lead and race to his second win of the season in the first Budweiser Pro Stock feature, rescheduled from May 2. Pat Ryan and Brian Crouch tried to gang up on Dickerman. The trio entered turn one on the last lap but Dickerman prevailed.

In the regular feature, Ryan had his way and led every lap to record his first win of the season. Crouch and Dickerman trailed Ryan across the stripe. Qualifying heats went to David Bardin and Crouch.

Rick Squires won the rescheduled Mountain Dew Street Stock main, topping Chad Naylor and Max Kirkendall. The victory was Squires' first of the year. Naylor came roaring back to win the regular feature over B.J. Seets and Kirkendall. The qualifying heats went to Kirkendall, Jeff Parnell and Andy McEntin, with Wade Glover capturing the semi-feature.

Terry James rang up his first win of the season in the Quaker State Sportsman feature, topping Joe Dresch and Terry Michael. Dresch won the qualifier.

The Pepsi Legends series made its third appearance at Tri-City with Bryan Kammer out-racing Robert McCormick and Al Renner for the victory.

Past Tri-City results:

BIG BUD SHOOTOUT
MAY 9
First heat — Johnny Herrera, Tempe, Ariz.; Second heat — Sarah Fisher, Hilliard, Ohio; Third heat — Andy Hillenburg, Broken Arrow, Okla.; Vivian Dash — Sammy Swindell, Cordova, Tenn.; B Main — Lance Blevins, Broken Arrow, Okla.

Gateway

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Parking information

Those attending race activities at Gateway International Raceway on May 21-23 — or any other Gateway events — can get information by listening to 92.7 on the FM dial. Gateway will broadcast taped information on the best routes to various parking areas.

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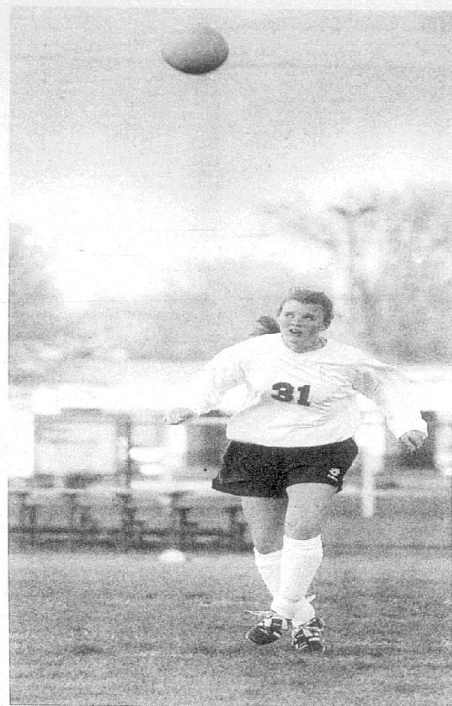
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PREP STANDINGS



Granite City's Christina Withers scored a goal Tuesday against Alton as the Lady Warriors avenged their only loss of the season to a team from Illinois.

METRO EAST BASEBALL

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Edwardsville	12-0	29-0
Collinsville	8-3	21-8
Belleville West	4-4	10-8
Belleville East	5-5	16-5
Granite City	6-6	12-13
Alton	1-10	9-13
East St. Louis	0-7	5-11
Mississippi Valley		
Team	Conf	Overall
Triad	5-2	15-6
Jerseyville	6-4	16-8
Highland	5-4	12-11
Civic Memorial	5-4	14-7
Mascoutah	4-4	11-16
Waterloo	0-7	8-20
Cahokia		
Team	Conf	Overall
Columbia	8-0	17-6
New Athens	8-1	16-5
Carlyle	7-2	10-6
Wescinn	4-4	5-19
Red Bud	3-4	10-14
Freeburg	3-4	12-14
Lebanon	3-4	11-11
Breesie C.	2-5	7-17
Dupo	1-7	5-15
Marissa	1-7	7-17
South Seven		
Team	Conf	Overall
O'Fallon	6-2	16-8
Cahokia	0-3	5-11
Independents		
Team	Overall	
Alhaff	23-5	
Gibault	18-8	
Marquette	14-8	
Kawville	15-9	
Roxana	9-11	
Mater Dei	4-14	
Wood River	3-18	
Lincoln	0-11	
M.E. Lutheran	0-15	

METRO EAST SOCCER

Southwestern Conference		
Team	Conf	Overall
Collinsville	5-0-1	13-2-2
Granite City	3-1-3	9-3-2
Alton	3-3-0	9-3-1
Belleville East	2-2-0	8-6-2
Edwardsville	0-2-0	5-7-0
Belleville West	0-4-0	5-10-1
Independents		
Team		Overall
Triad		7-1-0
Marquette		10-3-2
O'Fallon		10-7-2
Gibault		9-6-0
Wood River		7-2-2
Roxana		2-8-0
Columbia		2-8-0
Mater Dei		1-4-0
Civic Memorial		1-4-1
M.C. Lutheran		0-3-0
Cahokia		0-6-0
Alhaff		0-6-0

HORSE RACING

FAIRMOUNT PARK TUESDAY RESULTS

FIRST RACE
(6 furlongs) maidens purse \$5,000. Veronica Charming (Pompton) 19.00, 4.00, 3.00; Lady Of The Hill 2.00, 2.40; Runtorthecherries (Gale) 3.40; Scratch: Lydian Delite.
\$2 Exacta (3-4) PAID \$51.80.

SECOND RACE
(6 furlongs) claiming purse \$4,000. Sassy Survivor (Austin) 11.00, 5.80, 5.00; Darlin Martha 4.80, 3.20; Pinch Of Reality (Medina) 4.00; Time 1:15.3.
\$2 Exacta (6-5) PAID \$73.40.
\$2 Trifecta (6-5-2) PAID \$457.20.
\$2 Daily Double (5-6) PAID \$249.80.

THIRD RACE
(6 furlongs) maidens claiming purse \$5,000. Kelly's Storm (Pompton) 5.00, 2.60, 2.40; Littleemahonkyton (James) 2.40; Time — 1:15.
\$2 Exacta (5-4) PAID \$11.80.
\$2 Trifecta (5-4-6) PAID \$28.20.

FOURTH RACE
(1 mile) allowance purse \$5,000. Untimely Native (Lopez) 8.00, 3.60, 3.00; Trinas Other Son (Wells) 3.20, 2.40; Alpha's Choice (Durham) 2.60; Scratch: Double Write Off.
\$2 Exacta (5-4) PAID \$21.60.

FIFTH RACE
(1 mile) maidens purse \$5,000. Pet Score (Kurek) 11.00, 4.80, 3.20; Big Clay (Parker) 3.20, 2.40; Moonspan (Lopez) 3.00; Time — 1:45.3.
\$2 Exacta (4-7) PAID \$34.20.
\$2 Trifecta (4-7-1) PAID \$97.00.

SIXTH RACE
(1 mile) allowance purse \$5,000. Kalli Xan (Gall) 3.40, 3.60, 3.20; R Precious (Bleby) 6.40, 4.20; Burke's Peerage (Valena) 3.60; Time 1:45.1.
\$2 Exacta (6-7) PAID \$25.00.

SEVENTH RACE
(6 furlongs) claiming purse \$4,000. Santa Bo (Gall) 7.20, 4.20, 3.40; Lenusa Gold (Bleby) 5.00, 3.80; Night Time Run (Campos) 5.20; Scratch: Mr. Howdy.
\$2 Exacta (6-1) PAID \$20.20.
\$2 Trifecta (6-1-8) PAID \$231.80.

EIGHTH RACE
(6 furlongs) claiming purse \$7,000. Dinner By Candlelight (Bleby) 4.20, 2.80, 2.40; Desmond A. Reount (Pompton) 4.20, 3.00; Busia's Girl (Trader) 4.00; Time — 1:13.3.
\$2 Exacta (5-6) PAID \$13.40.
\$1 Pick 3 (5-2, 6-5) PAID \$10.10.

NINTH RACE
(6 furlongs) claiming purse \$7,000. Aimless Breeze (Valena) 87.00, 18.40; Canyon Cat (Retana) 4.00, 3.00; Genuine Forbes (Campos) 3.80; Scratch: This Is The Day.
\$2 Exacta (6-6) PAID \$549.00.
\$2 Trifecta (6-6-9) PAID \$2,363.00.
\$2 Late Double (5-9) PAID \$106.20.
\$1 Pick 6 (5-4-2, 6-5-8) (5 of 6) PAID \$105.00.
Pick 6 carry over paid \$408.00.

TENTH RACE
(6 furlongs) claiming purse \$3,600. Grandpa Mugan (Herman) 14.80, 6.20, 4.80; Tyler Jennings (Lopez) 9.40, 12.40; Blade Of The Bull (Medina) 9.40; Time 1:13.1.
\$2 Exacta (6-6) PAID \$116.40.
\$2 Trifecta (6-6-3) PAID \$1,231.00.

AUTO RACING

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First heat: 1. John Baur, 2. Aaron Kleine, 3. Ron Jamel.
Second heat: 1. Jim Durbin, 2. Tim Ratajczyk, 3. Mark Faust.
Third heat: 1. Jim Durbin, 2. John Baur, 3. Aaron Kleine.
Feature: 1. Aaron Kleine, 2. Kenny Schaefer, 3. Mark Faust, 4. Marc McClintock, 5. Todd Reha, 6. Brent Thompson.
MODIFIED
First heat: 1. D.J. Cygan, 2. Joe Volluz, 3. Chris Soutles.
Second heat: 1. Wayne Downing, 2. Marty Smith, 3. Ray Wagner.
Third heat: 1. Jim Durbin, 2. Stu Springer, 3. Kenny Helmick.
Dash: 1. D.J. Cygan, 2. Wayne Downing, 3. Bob Martinotti.
Semi feature: 1. Tom Ratajczyk, 2. Ted Gaullius, 3. Scott Weber.
Feature: 1. Wayne Downing, 2. Stu Springer, 3. Bob Martinotti, 4. Kenny Helmick, 5. Bob Bittle, 6. D.J. Cygan.

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Warrior Pride Stride 5-kilometer run set for June 13

The Warrior Pride Stride 5-kilometer run and 2-mile run/walk is set for June 13 at Granite City High School.

The 5K run begins at 9 a.m. and the 2K event at 9:45 a.m. at the Pehling Road parking lot by the east entrance to the high school.

Registration fee is \$9 before June 6. \$11 on race day. T-shirts will be included for the first 300 entries.

The event benefits the Granite City High School track and field team.

For information, contact Richard Skirball at Granite City High School, 3101 Madison Ave., Granite City, IL, 62040; or call 451-5808.

Physicals offered

Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine will be offering physicals for athletes from Granite City and Collinsville high schools.

Cost is \$25 for the physicals, which are good for one calendar year and are accepted by the Illinois High School Association.

For Granite City students, physicals are set for May 20-21, beginning at 8:30 p.m. each day, in the physical medicine department at the Wolf Building, 2400 Madison Ave.

For Collinsville students, physicals are set for May 27, July 28 and July 29 at 800 St. Louis Road, Collinsville.

For information, contact Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine at 798-3433.

Prairie State Games

Elite teams in basketball, soccer and volleyball are now forming for the Southwestern North Region for the 15th annual Prairie State Games, scheduled for June 26-28 in southwestern Illinois.

There will be four teams — Open Men, Open Women, Scholastic Men and Scholastic Women — in each of the four sports. The Open division is for players beyond the 12th grade, while the Scholastic division is for players who are in grades 8-12 for the 1997-98 school year. A player must be either a resident of or attend school in the counties of Madison, Jersey, Calhoun, Bond or Fayette to be eligible for the regional team.

Players making the teams will compete against the state's 11 other region teams at the Finals, June 26-28.

The tryout fee is \$18, which includes a Prairie State Games souvenir T-shirt. Applications can be processed at the time of the tryout. Any athlete younger than 19 years of age must have his or her parent or guardian sign a waiver.

The tryouts and contact person for each of the teams are: Basketball — Open Men (Jason Holmes — 659-1906), Open Women (Bob Emig — 632-1002).

Volleyball — Open Men (Rick Verdun — 656-7719 or 304-8188), Open Women (Missy Dorsey — 377-6987 or 656-0485), Scholastic Men (Jill Greenfield — 667-9412 at home or 667-6441 at work).

Soccer — Open Women, Gene Briggs, 876-4719 at home or 451-5808. Tryouts are May

SPORTS BRIEFS

24, 26, 28, 30 and June 2 and 4, 6-8 p.m. at Belleville Area College in Granite City.

Volleyball Tryouts are as follows: Open Women — May 31, 2-4 p.m. at Edwardsville Middle School, 145 West Street. The Prairie State Games, now in its fourth year in Southwestern Illinois, is the state's largest amateur sports festival. Almost 6,000 athletes competed in last year's games.

For further information on the PSG, call the team contact person or Regional Director Bob Emig (632-1002 or 344-0984).

Lutheran Day

The 22nd annual Lutheran Day at Busch Stadium will be Monday (Memorial Day).

The Cardinals will play 1:15 p.m. against the Colorado Rockies, followed by exhibition games involving the four local Lutheran high schools, including Metro East Lutheran.

Tickets are \$11, and schools receive some of the proceeds for tickets they sell. Each school has 750 tickets available.

For information, call Sig-mund Bohnet at 656-0043.

Soccer camps

The Southern Illinois Soccer League is hosting the Ultimate Touch International Soccer Camp, June 22-26 at the Van Posen Soccer Fields in Collinsville.

The day camp, which is geared toward the serious soccer player ages 6 to 17. Proceeds benefit the SISL College Soccer Showcase. For information or an application, call Judy at 931-8267 or Carol at 692-1033.

For information, call Sig-mund Bohnet at 656-0043.

Softball tournaments

The Tomahawks Softball Club is sponsoring the following tournaments:

The Tomahawks Women's Open Fastpitch Softball Tournament, June 27 at Millstadt City Park. The entry fee is \$150 per team, with three games guaranteed (weather permitting).

The fourth annual Tomahawks Summer Sizzler Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament, July 17-19 at Millstadt City Park. The entry fee is \$150 per team, with three games guaranteed (weather permitting).

For more information, call 538-7738.

Metro FC Rangers

For the third and final match-up of the 1997-98 soccer season, the Metro FC Black Rangers U-10 boys beat the Fairview Heights Lightning 3-1 in April 26. It was the Rangers' third victory against the Lightning this season.

Two Rangers goals were scored by Casey Sonnenberg and teammates Troy Krimminger and Adam Elke also provided excellent defense as goalkeepers. Other team standouts included Matthew

Cannady, Corey Endicott, Chris Schmidt, Bryan Spa and Adam and Brad Schwarberg.

Baseball tournament

Fairview Heights will play host to the first National Amateur Baseball Federation Classic National baseball tournament for teams ages 12 and under.

The Classic is an open tournament and is seeking up to 32 teams to participate. There is a five-game minimum guaranteed to each team, with additional games possible for teams which do not advance to the championship round.

Registration fees are \$25 per team. For more information, call 609-931-9220.

Baseball days

The 1998 Fairview Heights Sporting Goods and Baseball Card Show will be held July 18-19 at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights.

The show is in cooperation with the "World Baseball Days" celebration, which is part of the "AA" World Baseball Championship, to be held July 10-19 at Longacre Park. It is the highest-level youth baseball tournament in the world for players ages 15-16. Twelve nations from across the globe will compete for the gold medal.

For more information, call 236-1768.

Golf tourney

The sixth annual Collinsville Rotary Golf Tournament is June 12 at the Fox Creek Golf Club near Edwardsville.

The 18-hole fundraising golf

scramble is sponsored by the Collinsville Rotary Club.

Prize money totaling \$1,800 will be awarded to the top three finishers in each of three flights.

Registration is \$75 per golfer. The event is limited to 36 four-player teams, a total of 144 golfers.

For entry information, call tournament general chairman John Ostanik at 434-9665. Entry forms are also available at local golf clubs.

Play Day

The Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce announces the 41st annual Play Day on June 1 at Legacy Golf Course. Chamber members and prospective members are invited to attend.

Events include golf (scramble), a cookout (steaks and chicken) and plenty of prizes. Fees are as follows: Cookout & Golf, \$70; Golf only, \$50. Cookout only, \$25. There will be a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Please call the chamber office at 876-6400 to make your reservations. Payment is due by May 25.

BAC softball camps

Belleville Area College softball coach Kathy Bernal will conduct two softball camps this August.

Both camps will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the college's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave. The first camp, Aug. 10-12, is for girls in grades 5-8; and the second camp, Aug. 17-19, is for grades 9-12.

The cost of each camp is \$35.

The limit per camp is 60 players. Checks should be made payable to BAC Softball Camp. For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

BAC baseball camps

Boys ages 7-17 can learn or improve their baseball fundamentals this summer at Belleville Area College's Belleville campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave., as BAC baseball coach Neil Fiola conducts his annual summer camps during June and July.

Campers will learn the techniques of hitting, pitching and fielding. The cost of the two fundamentals camps is \$60; the cost of each specialized camp is \$30.

Checks should be made payable to Belleville Area College and should be mailed to Belleville Area College, Business Office, 2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL, 62221.

Camps will take place during the following weeks:

• June 8-11, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp

• June 15-18, 9 a.m.-noon, fundamentals camp

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OBITUARIES

Albert Hughes

ALBERT F. HUGHES, 67, of Granite City died May 13, 1998, at his residence.

Mr. Hughes was born July 2, 1930, in Taylorville. He had been employed by Granite City Steel as chainman and corrugator helper, attended Calvary Pentecostal Assembly, and was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann (Stark) Hughes; his mother, Beatrice (Reynolds) Hughes; three sons, Albert Hughes Jr. and Tommy Everett Hughes of Swansea; two daughters, Patricia Skaggs and Janice Hughes both of Granite City; four sisters, Marlene Isaac and Irene Gilliam both of St. Louis, Mo., and Bill Hughes of Granite City; and a sister, Marie James of Maple Hill, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Virgil Hughes, and two brothers, Virgil Hughes and Harold Hughes.

Services were Saturday, May 16, at Calvary Pentecostal Assembly in Granite City, 1115 N. 1st St., in Maynard officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to his family.

Everett Nasalroad

EVERETT A. NASALROAD, 77, of Edwardsville, formerly of Madison, died Tuesday, May 19, 1998, at his residence. He was born Oct. 28, 1920, in Yale, Okla.

Mr. Nasalroad was owner of Ed's Lock and Key in Madison, was a member of the Tri-City Shrine Club in Granite City, Venice Social Club in Venice, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 102 in Granite City, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 446 in Granite City, and was a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Donna (Knight) Nasalroad; three sons, Nicholas Nasalroad of Pontoon Beach and James Nasalroad of Troy; and Thomas Ryan of Granite City; two daughters, Linda Marcum of Edwardsville and Tanya Foster of Pontoon Beach; one brother, Steven Nasalroad; one sister, Ruth Stevenson; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Noah Nasalroad and Edith Nasalroad; one grandson, Alex Nasalroad; and one sister, Pat Buzi.

Services were Friday at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Tim Lewis officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Willard F. Padgett
WILLARD F. PADGETT, 82, Goleta, Calif., formerly of Granite City died Tuesday, May 19, 1998, at his residence. He was born Aug. 25, 1915, in Granite City.

Mr. Padgett operated a grocery store in California prior to his retirement. He was a well-known athlete who had been inducted into the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame.

FUNERAL SUMMARY

Charles Brandt

CHARLES BRANDT, 72, of Granite City died Wednesday, May 13, 1998, at University Manor in Edwardsville. Graveside services were Monday, May 18, in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Thomas Mortuary handled the arrangements.

John Culpepper

JOHN W. CULPEPPER, 61, of Granite City died Tuesday, May 19, 1998, at his residence. He was born Sept. 10, 1936, in East St. Louis.

There will be no services; the remains are to be cremated.

Thomas Mortuary handled the arrangements.

Elizabeth Edwards

ELIZABETH J. "BETTY" (MALIK) EDWARDS, 69, of Granite City died May 16, 1998, at Barnes Hospital.

Services were Wednesday, May 20, at Irwin Chapel with the Rev. Joe Larsen and the Rev. Gary Manover officiating. Burial was in St. Francis Cemetery in Jerseyville.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Ruth Gibson

RUTH E. GIBSON, 68, of Granite City died May 13, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Services were Monday, May 18, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Austin Fisher officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Harold Hawkins

HAROLD D. HAWKINS, 77, of Col-

insville died May 15, 1998, at Lafayette Grand Hospital in St. Louis.

Services were held Tuesday, May 19, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville, with the Rev. Michael Jenkins officiating. Burial was in Collinsville.

Herbert A. Kassly Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Mildred Joyce

MILDRED (PALMER) JOYCE, 84, of Belleville died Sunday, May 17, 1998, at Rosewood Care Center in Swansea.

Services were held Tuesday, May 19, at Kassy Mortuary Chapel in Fairview Heights, with the Rev. Lloyd Misho officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials may be made to the Catholic Social Service.

Esther Kampen

ESTHER KAMPEN, 80, of O'Fallon died Wednesday, May 13, 1998, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Services were Saturday, May 16, at O'Fallon United Church of Christ with the Rev. Howard Tobak officiating. Burial was in the Rev. Howard Tobak officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to his family.

Leo D. Zellin Sr.

LEO D. ZELLIN SR., 67, of Maryville died at 9:50 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 1998, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Maryville. He was born April 13, 1931, in Granite City and was a lifetime area resident.

Retired from Granite City Steel where he had worked as an electrician, Mr. Zellin was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Survivors include a daughter, Cheryl Miller of Collinsville; two sons, John Zellin of Maryville and Robert Zellin of Collinsville; four sisters, Clara Trovovich of Port St. Charles, Ruth Burns of Granite City, and Dorothy Casey of Texas; and six grandchildren, Jason, Laine

and Cody Miller and Danielle, Jamie and Kristin Zellin.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma (Haley) Padgett, whom he married June 22, 1946; and a son, Craig Padgett of St. Louis, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Collier Padgett and Ethel (Cocharn) Padgett, and a brother, Walter F. "Foggy" Padgett and Leo H. "Cloudy" Padgett.

Services and burial were conducted in California.

Survivors include his wife, Thelma (Haley) Padgett, whom he married June 22, 1946; and a son, Craig Padgett of St. Louis, Mo.

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He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Jean "Jeanie" (Bagli Vera) Zellin; his parents, Christian and Vera (Davis) Zellin; a son, Leo D. Zellin Jr.; and a sister, Wilma Sorenson.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 tonight, Thursday, at Herrington Funeral Home, 2205 Pontoon Road in Granite City. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorials to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society have been suggested.

Rick Rinehart

RICK L. RINEHART, 48, of Williamburg, Mo., died Friday, May 15, 1998, at his residence.

Mr. Rinehart was born Feb. 20, 1950, in St. Louis. He was employed with American Disposal as a mechanic.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah (Beyer) Rinehart; mother, Wanda Rinehart; father, Walter Rinehart; daughter, Wendy Dews of Hatton, Mo.; son, Richard "Bo" Rinehart Jr. of Hatton, Mo.; three brothers, Robert Rinehart of Edwardsville and Ron Rinehart and Dan Rinehart, both of Mitchell, Mo.; and a sister, Cooper of Olathe, Kan. Nancy Colbert, Penny Dummitt, and Pam Morand of Hatton, Mo. are also survivors.

Services were Tuesday, May 19, at Thomas Chapel, 2205 Pontoon Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

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Janice Beard of Shreveport, La., Gail Watkins of Medville, La., and Jewel Bennett of Pearl, Miss.; three sisters, Marnie Pollock of Plantation, Fla., Helen Gaddy of Granite City and Victoria Rorondi of Haver-

burg, Tenn.; and 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services were April 30 at Roger L. Byrd Baptist Funeral Home, 1115 N. 1st St., in Granite City, with the Rev. Bryan D. Herrington officiating. Burial was in Natchez Trace Memorial Park Cemetery in Madison, Miss.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Port St. Lucie Building Fund, 115 N.E. Solida Drive, Port St. Lucie, Fla. 34983.

Elizabeth Edwards

ELIZABETH J. "BETTY" (MALIK) EDWARDS, 69, of Granite City died May 16, 1998 at Barnes Hospital.

Mrs. Edwards was born Sept. 10, 1928, in St. Louis. She was a teacher in the Granite City School District and a member of the historical society, University of Illinois Extension Society, received lower degree from Washington University, Master Degree from St. Louis.

Survivors include her sister, Anna Marie.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Edwards; her parents, Fred and Elizabeth (Novinsky) Malik; and one son, Ray Edwards.

Visitation Wednesday, May 20, at Irwin Chapel, 2201 Madison Ave., in Granite City.

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Survivors were Wednesday, May 20, at Irwin Chapel, 2201 Madison Ave., in Granite City.

Joe Larsen and the Rev. Gary Manover officiating. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery in Jerseyville.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Mildred Joyce

MILDRED (PALMER) JOYCE, 84, of Belleville died Sunday, May 17, 1998, at Rosewood Care Center in Swansea.

Mrs. Joyce was born May 8, 1914, in Belleville. She was a retired operator of Milling Machine in East St. Louis.

Survivors include her son, Michael Joyce of Hatton, Mo.

Services were held Tuesday, May 19, at Kassy Mortuary Chapel in Fairview Heights, with the Rev. Lloyd Misho officiating. Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials may be made to the Catholic Social Services.

Harold Hawkins

HAROLD D. HAWKINS, 77, of Collinsville died May 15, 1998, at Lafayette Grand Hospital in St. Louis.

Mr. Hawkins was born Oct. 9, 1920, in Morehouse, Mo. A delivery man for Beede Wholesale in East St. Louis, he later owned and operated H and D Distributing Co. in Collinsville and an Green Acres Plants, in Collinsville.

Survivors include his wife, Florence (Troci) Hawkins; two sons, one Linda Williams of Maryville, and one brother, Earl Hawkins of Troy, Mo.; and a daughter, Patricia Hawkins.

Services were held Tuesday, May 19, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville, with the Rev. Michael Jenkins officiating. Burial was in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Collinsville.

Herbert A. Kassly Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

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NEWS

SENIOR MENUS

Walk of Fame inducts 5

Inductees noted for cultural contributions

By Dan Yount
Staff writer

A baseball legend, a musician, an actor and two authors were inducted Sunday into the St. Louis Walk of Fame in University City.

The honorees went to Albert "Red" Schoendienst of the St. Louis Cardinals; musician Johnnie Johnson; actor Kevin Kline; and authors William Gass and Irma Rombauer.

The St. Louis Walk of Fame was founded in 1968 by University City businessman Joe Edwards to provide a showcase for the cultural heritage of St. Louis. Bronze stars with the inductees' names and plaques describing their accomplishments line the sidewalk.

walks of Delmar Boulevard in the University City Loop. Over the past 10 years 80 people have been inducted into the Walk of Fame.

Schoendienst played second base for the St. Louis Cardinals for more than a decade. He was a solid hitter who helped the Cardinals capture the 1964 World Series. He was named to 10 all-star teams and captained the Milwaukee Braves to two World Series before rejoining the Cardinals. He managed the Cardinals for a team record 12 years, including the team's win in the 1967 World Series.

Schoendienst said he has received many honors over the years but is particularly proud of the Walk of Fame distinction.

Rombauer, who is deceased, wrote "The Joy of Cooking." Her grandson, Jeff Rombauer of Seattle, accepted the Walk of Fame honor on her behalf.

Jeff Rombauer said his grandfather committed suicide in 1931, and his grandmother decided to write a cookbook to help support herself. The book became one of the most popular cookbooks in America, he said.

Self-taught pianist and composer Johnnie Johnson said he has had some real highlights in his musical career. However, the Walk of Fame honor is one of which he is most proud, he said.

Johnson collaborated with legendary musician Chuck

Berry on numerous rock 'n' roll classics. Berry, who in 1988 was the first person inducted into the Walk of Fame, attended the ceremony Sunday.

Gass said he was honored to be included in the Walk of Fame with some of the many writers from St. Louis he admires, including T.S. Eliot, Kate Chopin, Marianne Moore, Mona Van Duyn, Howard Nemerov and Stanley Elkin.

Kline was unable to attend the ceremony. He won several Tony awards before his leading roles in "Sophie's Choice" and "The Big Chill" made him a Hollywood star. He won an Academy Award for his performance in "A Fish Called Wanda."

Senior Citizens Center
2060 Delmar Street
Granite City

MONDAY, May 25 — CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY.
TUESDAY, May 26 — Beef stew, stew vegetables, cole slaw, biscuits, time gelatin.
WEDNESDAY, May 27 — Lasagna with meat sauce, cauliflower, peas and pearl onions, wheat bread, applesauce.

THURSDAY, May 28 — Sloppy Joe, parsley potatoes, chopped spinach, bun, ambrosia.
FRIDAY, May 29 — Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes with gravy, Brussels sprouts, wheat bread, sliced peaches.

Seniors 60 and over are always welcome. Meals are served at noon. The suggested donation is \$2.25. All meals include 2 percent milk, bread and margarine. Reservations due one day in advance, can be made by calling 677-4373.

Don't be bugged, it's cicada time

State to be serenaded with strongest songs in 220 summers

Enjoy the peaceful spring days — if you can. Missouri is about to experience the biggest natural racket in more than two centuries.

For more than a year now, entomologists (insect scientists) have been predicting a once-in-a-lifetime emergence of cicadas for most of the state.

Missouri is home to several cicada species. The most familiar is the annual cicada. As the name implies, these are around every year, emerging from underground burrows and singing late in the summer.

These cicadas can measure up to two inches from the tip of their head to the ends of their wings and are dark green with white markings on their bodies and wings.

Six other species emerge every 13 or 17 years, depending on the species.

These periodical cicadas measure only three-quarters to

1½ inches long. Their bodies are black, and they have red eyes, legs and wing veins. They begin emerging from the earth in mid-May and continue singing through early July. If you have heard cicadas singing already, you know that they are much louder than annual cicadas.

The long life cycle is a source of fascination. The question of how millions of creatures synchronize their development so perfectly over the course of more than a decade is intriguing enough. But of even greater interest is the question of why these creatures have developed to emerge at 13- and 17-year intervals.

The leading theory about why periodical cicadas emerge at such odd and perfectly synchronized intervals is predator avoidance.

Emerging and reproducing

all at once and infrequently makes it difficult for animals that eat cicadas to build up large populations and take full advantage of the huge food source they represent.

Periodical cicadas owe their voices to paired elastic membranes located behind their last pair of legs.

When a chorus of cicadas sings in unison, they produce a din loud enough to drown out even the loudest of lawn mowers.

The emergence of any pair of 13- and 17-year cicada broods coincides only once every 221 years. Even with several broods in Missouri, concurrent emergences are rare. The last time it happened was 1946.

This year's convergence is particularly unusual because it involves two very large broods. Their combined distributions cover the entire state.

This is the first time since 1777 that these two groups have emerged at once.

Periodical cicadas lay their eggs in pencil-sized shoots of trees. Young trees are especially susceptible to damage, since most of their branches are this size. Newly planted apple orchards, nurseries and new ornamental home landscape plantings sustain damage most often.

Homeowners can protect plants by covering all branches with cheesecloth or mosquito netting for the duration of the cicada mating period. This is approximately six weeks from the time the cicadas begin singing. Applications of the pesticides carbaryl or chlorpyrifos at seven- to 10-day intervals can protect trees from cicada damage also.

Battle should be remembered

By Glen Sparks
Staff writer

In a story of the rich history of St. Louis, the Battle of Fort San Carlos is often forgotten.

"Not only is it not recognized, it's almost altogether unknown," Dory Potts says.

Potts and others hope to change all that with their play, "We Were There." The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8888, 4022 Robert Ave. in the Boulevard Heights neighborhood, is sponsoring the production that starts at 2 p.m. May 24 at the Old Cathedral, 209 Walnut St. in Downtown St. Louis. Admission is free.

Potts plays Madame Marie Therese Chateau, a famous early St. Louisan, and also is the producer and director of "We Were There."

'We want to tell people the story of what it was like to be here at that time.'

Dory Potts
actor

now Fourth and Walnut streets.

Thanks to the tower and the trenchwork completed around town, St. Louis escaped potential destruction.

After 1780, St. Louis evolved into an important part of the American West and became the hub of the nation's fur trade. Succeeding Spanish governors continued building extensive fortifications with Fort San Carlos as the center of these defenses.

Potts said some people dismiss the potential British threat at Fort San Carlos, but several history books tell a different story.

"I read several historians who wrote extensively about the battle," Potts says.

At 1:30 p.m., a file and drum corps will begin the program with a march from the Arch grounds to the church. Members of the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution also will take part.

The VFW committee sponsoring the play includes post chairman Jim Cronquist, Vince Deliberto, Louis Melchior and Richard Weibach.

Ministry offers renewal service

Seeds of Hope Ministry will present a spring day of renewal at the Rev. Roger Karban.

"Season of Discipleship" will be May 30 at the Belleville Diocesan Pastoral Center, 2620 Lebanon Ave. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the day will close with Holy Eucharist

at 2:45 p.m.

The cost for the day is \$5, covering all materials and lunch.

To register, send a check addressed to Seeds of Hope to 6 Paulette Drive, Belleville, 62226-5063.

For more information, call Carol at 277-3646.

IN SERVICE

MICHAEL WOLTERS has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Fairview Heights.

Wolters, a 1984 graduate of Mascoutah High School, reported to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training on April 2.

He is the son of Robert and Donnie Wolters of Mascoutah.

He is a 1987 graduate of Lebanon High School.

Marine Sgt. JESSE WHITTAKER, son of George and Perachit Whittaker of O'Fallon, has completed a six-month deployment to the Vietnamese Sea and Arabian Gulf with Marine All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 261, embarked aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

The 1988 graduate of Mascoutah High School joined the Marine Corps in December 1990.

Air Force Airman 1st Class CHRISTOPHER WALTHER has graduated from basic military training at Lack-

land Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Walters is the son of Linda and Stephen of Paul Davis of Belleville.

Air Force Master Sgt. RONALD VON THUN has received an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Von Thun is chief of biomedical engineering, assigned to the 325th Medical Group at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla.

He is the son of August Von Thun of Fulton.

His wife, Susan, is the daughter of Mary Winn of New Baden.

The sergeant is a 1976 graduate

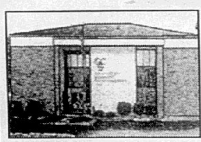
of Fulton High School.

Navy Airman JIMMIE STENNIS, son of Louis Stennis-Ashford of Fairview Heights, recently returned to his home port of Norfolk Va., after a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Guam, the lead ship of the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group. It is the final deployment of the ship, which is scheduled to be decommissioned later this year.

The 1995 graduate of East St. Louis Senior High School joined the Navy in January 1996.

His wife, Clara, is the daughter of Emma Kyles of East St. Louis.

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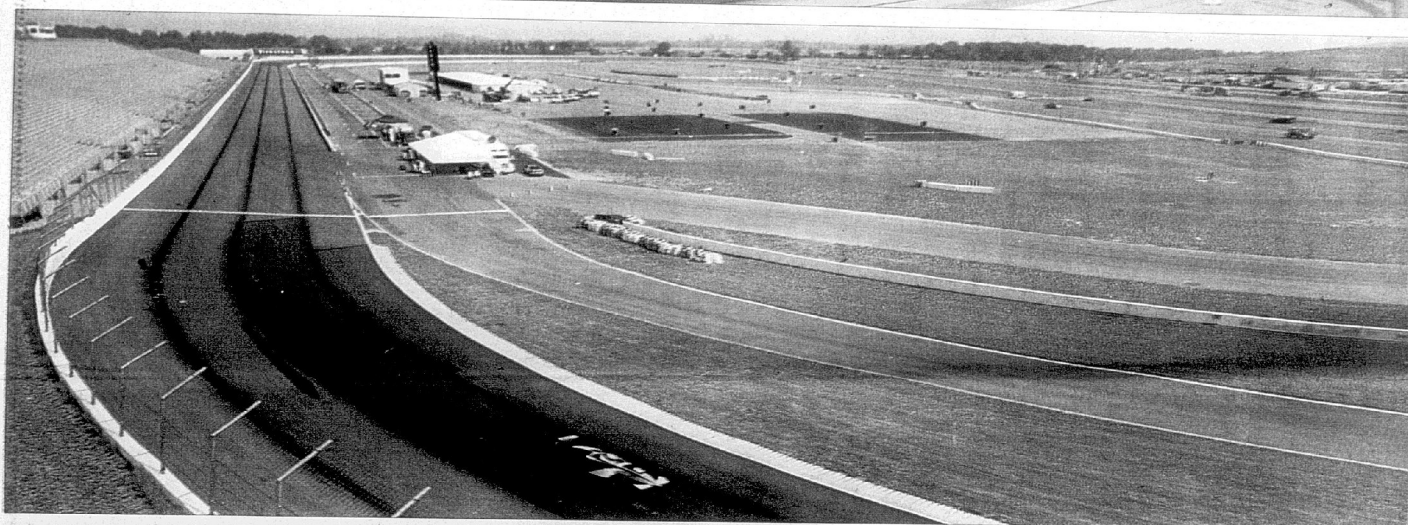
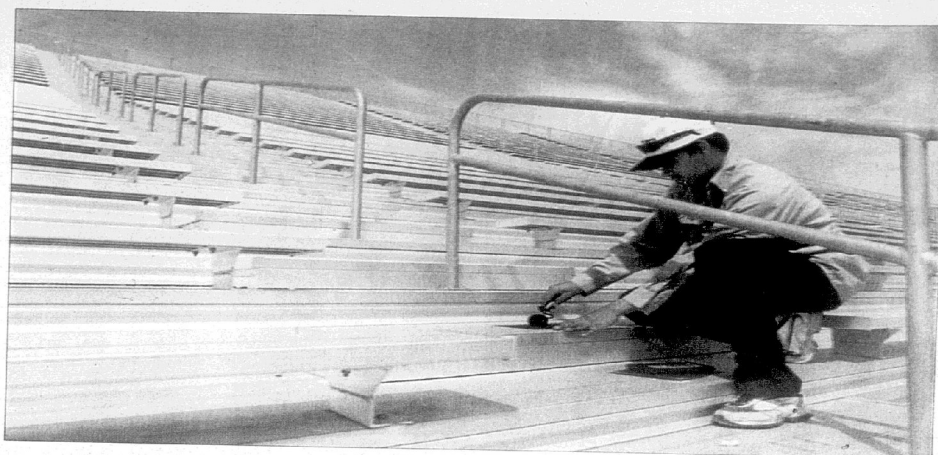


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Ready to race

At right, a worker stencils fresh row numbers in the center of an aisle in the grandstand at Gateway International Raceway. Below, a lone Indy Lights car heads through turn one while making a fire-testing run at the raceway.



Gateway gears up for 1st race of '98 season

60,000 expected to attend
second annual Motorola 300

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

When a few guests come in for a day or two, it takes some time and planning to get ready.

But when thousands come from all over the world and millions will be watching on television, it takes a lot of time and an incredible amount of planning.

An estimated 60,000 racing fans are expected to attend the second annual Motorola 300 Thursday through Saturday at Gateway International Raceway in Madison.

The race is the sixth of 19 in the 1998 CART FedEx series. In addition to the CART FedEx Championship Saturday, the PPG-Daytona Indy Lights Championship will be held after the CART race, and the KOOL/Toyota Atlantic Championship will begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

To deal with everything from parking to concessions, GIR President and General Manager Rod Wolter and his staff have been working around the clock.

"We have meetings every week," he said last Thursday. "We have two meetings here; there's another meeting in California we teleconference with," he said. "There's just a tremendous amount of planning."

"While we're getting ready for the big event next week, we still have testing and a multitude of other items going

on," he said. "It doesn't stop. There are so many things it's really tough for one person to think of them all; that's why we have these meetings to get all these different brains together," he said.

To help in the planning, for race days Wolter has a minute-by-minute schedule. By Thursday, the schedule for this Thursday, the first day of racing, was 31 pages long and still growing.

On Thursday, while office workers were busy answering telephones, construction workers were building an addition to the infield press room and finishing concrete work under the grandstand.

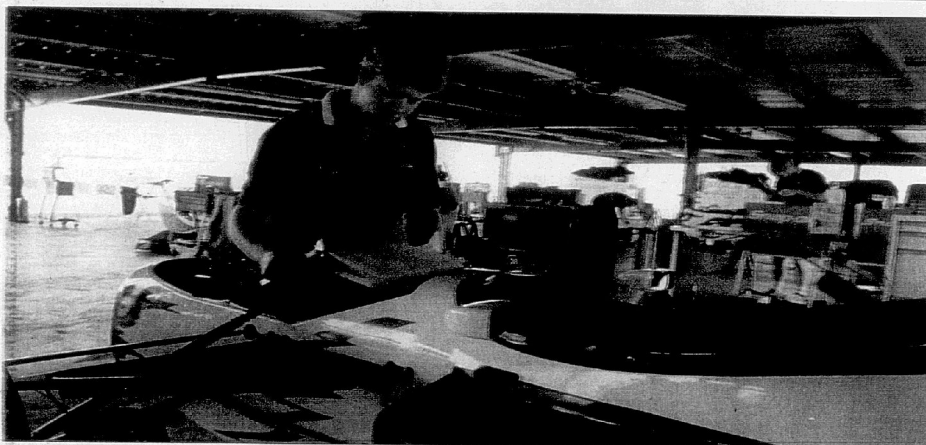
On top of the main grandstand, workers were stenciling in lettering and numbers in the aisles, while Indy Light cars were undergoing testing around the track, and mechanics for the All American Racing team, sponsored by Castrol motor oil, were racing prep on cars for the CART race.

Dave Breeze, lead mechanic for All American Racing Team driver Alex Barron's back-up car, was busy working on the front-end assembly.

"We just got back from Rio de Janeiro (Brazil, site of the Rio 400 May 10), so now the cars are totally rebuilt and stripped to get ready for the race," he said. "This is routine race maintenance."

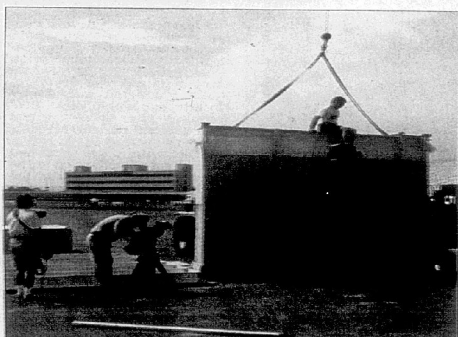
"It's pretty extensive; in a situation like this, we're doing it in three days," he said.

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Photos by John Frese

In top photo, mechanic Jayson Madison of the All American Racing Team goes over a checklist while working on one of the team's champ cars. Above, workers install siding on a new pavillion in the infield. At right, a work crew prepares to hoist a sign which will display time-trial times and speeds across from the grandstand with a television news crew taping their progress.



WEDDINGS



Diane and Marvin Meng

Lamere — Meng

Diane Renee Lamere and Marvin Allen Meng Jr. were married May 16 at Pere Marquette State Park by Roy Anderson. The bride is the daughter of Cathy and Frank Lamere of Alton. The groom is the son of Karen and Marvin Meng Sr. of O'Fallon. Amy Meyer of Denver, Colo., attended her friend as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mellanie Lamere, sister of the bride, Monica Meng, sister-in-law of the groom; Lisa Meng, sister of the groom; and Peg Burn, friend of the bride. Marvin Meng Sr. attended his son as best man. Groomsmen were Steven Meng, brother of the groom; Jon Lamere, brother of the bride; and George Geschwend and Brian Keck, friends of the groom.

A reception at Pere Marquette Lodge followed the ceremony. The bride is a 1998 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, with a degree in mathematics, and is employed as a computer programmer at Florist's Mutual Insurance in Edwardsville.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, with a degree in music performance, and is employed as an air traffic controller by the Federal Aviation Administration at St. Louis' Lambert Airport.



Melodie and James Chism

Barnes — Chism

Melodie Rose Barnes and James Ray Chism, Jr. were married on Saturday, Nov. 29, 1997, at First Baptist Church in Granite City by the Rev. Brian Smith.

The bride is the daughter of Julie Barnes and Collins Harken of Granite City and of Bryan and Beth Barnes of Maryville. The groom is the son of Patricia and James Chism, Sr. of Granite City.

Lori Burns attended her friend as maid of honor. Kaitlyn Barnes, sister of the bride, and McKenna Scaturro, cousin of the bride, served as flower girls.

Tracy Jarmon attended his friend as best man. Brett and Sean Barnes, brothers of the bride, were ushers. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church's fellowship hall.

The couple is currently residing in Pontoon Beach.



Patricia and Jeffery Nash

Watson — Nash

Patricia Ann Watson and Jeffery Scot Nash were married on March 27 at the courthouse in Pittsfield, Ill., with the Honorable Judge Michael Roseberry officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Chism Sr. of Granite City.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Nash of Pittsfield. The couple is residing in Pittsfield.

BIRTHS

Dalton Brake

BRIAN AND ANGELA BRAKE of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Dalton Ray Brooke was born April 23, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces, and joins Heather Lee Brake age 6.

His maternal grandparents are Don and Shirley Zeigler of Granite City. The paternal grandparents are Lloyd and Mary Brake of Granite City.

?Ashley Brooks

CHARLES AND CHANELLE BROOKS of Pontoon Beach have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter.

Ashley Marie Brooks was born at 4:20 p.m. April 23, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces, and joins Nathan Palva age 7, and Jeremy Pavia age 6.

Her maternal grandparents are Dave and Joan Coleman of Dallas, Texas. The paternal grandparents are Charles and Nancy Brooks of Bellmawr, N.J.

Jake Doty

JIM AND KRISTIE DOTY of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Jake Charles Doty was born 12:11 p.m. April 23, 1998, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds,

9 ounces, and joins Lauren Ashley Doty.

Najee Sharif

NAFIS AND NATASHYA SHARIF of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Najee Sharif was born at 8:25 a.m. April 24, 1998, at Barnes Jewish Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Christine Bickham and Marvin Barrow both of New Orleans, La. The paternal grandparent is Ziyadah Mumin of Milwaukee, Wis.

Anastasia Clark

GRANT AND CAROL CLARK of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Anastasia Catherine Clark was born at 12:31 p.m. April 26, 1998, at Barnes Jewish Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and joins Grant Clark II.

The Press-Record/Journal will publish birth announcements up to six weeks following a child's birth. Although most birth announcements are received from local hospitals, birth announcements may be sent to the newspaper at: Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar, Granite City IL 62040.

Association program designed for caregivers

The Alzheimer's Association will present "Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia," an educational program to help caregivers dealing with memory loss, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. June 11, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Avenue in Granite City.

This free community program provides a medical overview of the disease, practical tips and coping skills for family caregivers, and community resources.

The program is free of charge, but registration is required. For more information, or to register call the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 989-9080.

GCHS team places 2nd

The Granite City High School Computer Team won second place in a competition that was held April 23 at Belleville Area College. More than a dozen teams from high schools throughout southwestern Illinois participated in this contest in which they were given projects in computer applications and programming problems. Granite City High School team members Joe Shamro, Missy Essington and Bobby Roberts completed eight projects and, after their work had been graded for correctness, earned the award.

Unfortunately, the team had already gone home prior to the ceremony. They learned of the good news after their high school had been notified by telephone. Their trophy will be mailed to them.

This is the third year that the team has competed, and the first time that it has placed. Other team members were Erica Ingram, Stacey Weinken, Sarah Burris, Kera Olson, Jeff Klee, Joe Klug, Jaime Rushing, John Foley, Ryan Denny and Pat Fyalka.

ANNIVERSARIES

Claycraft — 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Shad (Pauline) Craycraft of Granite City observed their 50th wedding anniversary with their family on May 1.

Shad Craycraft and Pauline Sabol were married May 1, 1948, in Granite City. Both have lived in Granite City for more than 60 years.

Mr. Craycraft is a retired foreman from Granite City Steel, and is a past state president of the Illinois Moose Club. Mrs. Craycraft is retired from Tri-City Grocery.

The Craycrafts are the parents of Ronald Craycraft of Illinois, Donald Cheney of Mount Zion, Ill., and Richard Cheney of Florissant, Mo.

They have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Stach — 60 years

Edward and Chrystal Stach of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., formerly of Granite City, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 23 by spending the day with their daughter and her family in California.

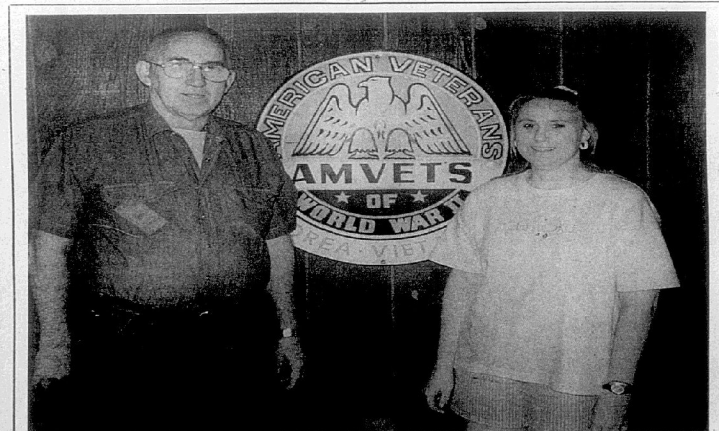
The couple was married in 1938, in Chicago. Edward worked as a preservation and packaging specialist with the Naval Ordnance Plant in Park Forest, Ill., and with the Army Corps of Engineers in Granite City.

His position took the Stachs to Okinawa for two years (1966-68). Edward was also sent to Vietnam to prepare equipment for transport home nearing the close of the war.

Chris worked as a waitress and as a bookkeeper in Chicago. In Granite City, she was also employed by A.O. Smith Credit Union and Granite City Credit Union.

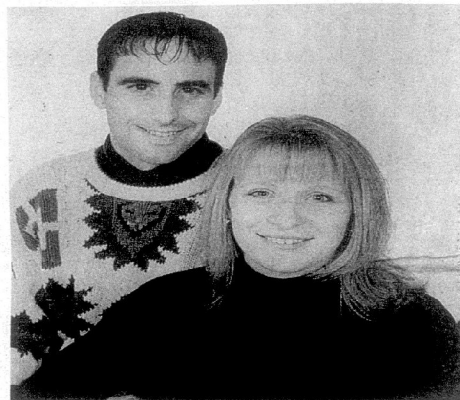
The couple, who moved to Lake Havasu City in 1983, has three children: Ed and Vicki Stach of Houston, Pat and Ted Kampegna of Anaheim, Calif.; and Bob and Bettie Stach of Flint, Mich.

They have seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren living. One great-grandchild is deceased.



New members —AMVETS Post 204 in Madison has welcomed Kenny Britz (left) and his daughter, Karen Britz, to its membership roster. Both served in the Army Reserves, 936 Maintenance, Wood River, and were called to duty in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm. The Britzes join the Post as its only father-daughter members.

ENGAGEMENT



Susan Ketchum and Jim Chomko

Ketchum — Chomko

Susan Ketchum, is the daughter of Katherine and Bob Berkley of Racine, Wis., and Jim Chomko Jr., the son of Jim and Marsha Chomko of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Ketchum is a 1993 graduate of Idaho State University and will complete her master's degree in adult fitness and cardiac rehabilitation in May. She is the assistant volleyball coach at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Chomko is a 1990 graduate of University of Wisconsin-Parkside Business School with a concentration in management information systems, and works as an instructional designer in Milwaukee. He is employed by Rockwell Automation, Allen-Bradley Division.

They are planning a June wedding, to be held in Racine.

Dierker receives photographic honors

Nellie Dierker of Granite City received a Grand Prize Rosette in the Photo Impressions exhibition at Artworks Gallery in Vandalia, Ill. She also earned four blue, two red and one white ribbon in the

competition. The exhibit will run through June 6. The gallery, located at 301 West Main St., is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and most Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

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SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS



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Health fair — Above: Janet Harolan, operations coordinator for St. Elizabeth Health Services' Edwardsville Health Center, second from right, and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville intern Christine Peterson, next to Harolan, were on hand at the SIUE Health Fair April 29 to inform SIUE staff and faculty members about the hazards of stress. The fair was held in an attempt to inform all employees of SIUE about the health benefits available in the surrounding communities. Below: Marilyn E. Baumann, RN, MSN, marketing coordinator for the Ambulatory Surgery Center in Glen Carbon, left, and Debbie Goskie, Nursing Coordinator for Home Health at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, passed out brochures and answered health-care-related questions at the SIUE Health Fair.



GCBS biz ed faculty honored

The Business Education faculty at Granite City High School was recently recognized as the Faculty Team of the Year by the Southwest Illinois Area Chapter of the Illinois Business Educators Association.

Cited in the award nomination were accomplishments in upgrading curriculum to the new computer labs and new software on those computers. They were also recognized for contributions in vocational education programs, such as the technical preparation program, cooperative education and integrated learning teams with other academic subject areas.

Their proudest achievement

has been the establishment of a Future Business Leaders of America chapter at the high school. In their first year, they recruited more than 30 students, with a core group of 25 to 30 participants. Students took part in investment programs from A.G. Edwards and entrepreneurial activities from Ultimate Sports. Thirteen members entered regional competitions, nine placing in their respective events. At the state competition, student Susan Gavin placed sixth in the Impromptu Speaking category.

Faculty advisors Carol Sturdivant and Ron Gilreath are very proud of the students and the way that the community has helped in their first year.

Omicron

The Illinois Omicron Master chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met on April 1 in the home of chapter president Evelyn Tolliver. Attending the meeting were Pat Talgioroff, Inogene Forrest, Ariene Haideman, Beatrice Brackett, Joyce Alexander and the host. After the business meeting, Talgioroff led the group in a discussion titled "Illinois First Ladies."

The chapter met again on April 15, in Brackett's home. Tolliver conducted the business meeting. Forrest read a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs in Marion, Ill., which expressed their thanks for the valentines that the chapter sent to residents of the Veterans Medical Center in Marion during the "Remember the Veterans" campaign. Next, Treasurer Alexander was asked to forward a \$50 contribution to New Opportunities, Inc. from the chapter. At the conclusion of the business meeting, Forrest read a program, prepared by Debra Dorich, on the life of singer Salina Haideman and her daughter, Joyce Alexander, shared Guatemala during Holy Week. In addition to those already mentioned, both Talgioroff and Alice Konieczny attended the meeting.

Nameoki Women

The April meeting of the Nameoki United Methodist Women, opened with a devotion by Shirley Leckrone. Dorothy Ashford presented the program, "Circles of Listening."

The business meeting was called to order by president Helen Bischoff. Secretary Luan Briner read the minutes of the March meeting. Treasurer Baker reported on funds. Ruth Bunch reported on Church Women United and the nursing home parties. The Least Coin moment was read by Millie Clements. Bunch and Joan Ferguson served the refreshments. All women are welcome — and encouraged — to bring to the Nameoki United Methodist Women.

American Legion

Members of the 22nd District American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary assisted in the Area 12 Special Olympics Games, held May 2 at the athletic stadium at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

On April 30, seven members met at the Collinsville American Legion home to mix lemonade and orange drink for lunches for the Saturday games.

On May 1, 24 members filled 1500 lunch bags with apples, cookies, candy, potato chips and napkins.

Saturday was the big day. Twenty-five members assisted in distributing lunch bags, hamburgers and fruit drink to the athletes and their coaches and volunteer assistants.

Some members worked each day and some only one of the three days. There was a total of 37 volunteers from the following American Legion Posts and American Legion Auxiliary Units: Granite City #113, Venice-Madison #307, Collinsville #365, East St. Louis #53, Edwards-

ville #199, Belleville #58, Alton #126, Bethalto #214 and Alhambra #1147.

Seventy members plan to attend the State Special Olympics on June 19-20, at Illinois State University at Normal. The State organizations of the American Legion and Auxiliary have a hospitality tent with fresh vegetables, fruit, chips, cookies, popples and cold drinks for the athletes, coaches, volunteers and families attending this event.

Veterans Administration

The Annual Awards Luncheon of the St. Louis Veterans Administration Medical Center was held May 7 at the Holiday Inn in Clayton, Mo. Three volunteers from Venice-Madison Unit 307 of the American Legion Auxiliary were among the approximately 300 attendees.

Pauline Mersinger received her 300-hour award, and Eunice Whisell received her 100-hour award. Accompanying them was Dorothy Hinson, Associate Hospital Representative at the John Cochran Division of the St. Louis, V.A.

Opening ceremonies included posting of colors, the pledge of allegiance and an invocation. Entertainment was provided by three members of the music department faculty of St. Louis University.

Legion Auxiliary

Venice-Madison Unit 307 of the American Legion Auxiliary met on May 5 at Post 307. Hostess Pauline Mersinger, Chaplain, served 14 members.

President Dorothy Hinson conducted the business meeting.

Pauline Mersinger, Emergency Fund Chairman, collected \$8 for the Children's Miracle Network, the National President's project.

A report was made on the Area 12 Special Olympics where eight members assisted in filling and distributing lunches at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on May 2.

Plans were made for several to attend the bingo party at the Marion V.A. and outing at The Haven on Crab Orchard Lake by the Fifth Division Juniors. Planning to attend were Kassie Hillmer, Norma Hillmer and Dorothy Hinson. Ten dollars in quarters was voted for this event.

Dolores Weis, Community Service Chairman, announced bingo for Colonial Haven on May 14 and Colomades on May 21.

Frances Cowley, Past Presidents Chairman, reported on a good meal and good meeting on April 29, at Belleville Freedom Farm. Six attended from Unit 307.

Unit 307 planned a "Poppy Day" for Friday, May 22.

Four members will attend the 22nd District Mayfest at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy on Sunday, May 17 — Dolores Weis, Mary Helinger, Pauline Mersinger and Dorothy Hinson.

This is a fun day of games and bingo, plus refreshments for the residents there. Unit 307 will provide the "Dollar Stand" and will donate \$50 for it.

On May 28 members will attend bedside visit for the John Cochran V.A. with cupcakes, bananas and fruit drink.

Election of Officers was held for the year

1998-99. The following were elected: Joyce Pittenger, President; Juanita Williams, First Vice President; Dolores Weis, Second Vice President; Norma Hillmer, Treasurer; Lynn Cuvar, Historian; Pauline Mersinger, Chaplain; and Mary Helinger, Sergeant-at-Arms. Dorothy Hinson was appointed as Secretary.

Plans were made to serve donuts and coffee on Memorial Day, May 25, at 10:30 a.m., at Post 307. Memorial services will follow at 11 a.m., lunch afterward.

Jackpot attendance prize was won by Dorothy Hinson.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. June 2, with Sergeant-at-Arms Mary Helinger as hostess.

County Hospice

The Hospice of Madison County will present "Anticipatory Grieving: Making the Most of Bereavement" twice from 1:30 to 3 p.m., and again from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on May 28, in the St. Mary Thomas Conference room, located on the ground floor next to the cafeteria at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. This presentation is part of the Hospice's "Series of Grief Workshops in 1998."

The workshop is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required and must be made by Tuesday, May 26, by calling the Hospice at 785-5359 on weekdays between 8 and 4:30 p.m.

Led by family therapist Edith Brayer, Ph.D., and social worker Eileen Humphrey, MSW, the workshop will help family members of terminally ill patients learn about all the issues that they'll face as the days go by, and how to deal with the onslaught of emotional stress that has already begun. It seeks to provide reassurance to these caregivers.

WCTU

The May meeting of the Granite City Women's Temperance Union was held at Central Free Methodist Church in Pontoon Beach. This was an awards night for the children who participated in the coloring, poster and essay contests sponsored by the WCTU.

The winners in the coloring contest were as follows:

First graders: First place — Skylar Bately; second place — Andy Bass; third place — Adam McDonald.

Second graders: First place — Joseph Hannis; second place — Mark McGinn; third place — Eric Jones.

Third graders: First place — Kristen Hogan; second place — Rachel Mundt; third place — Makenzie Lievers.

The winner in the poster contest was Jake Morley, and the winner in the essay contest was Kristine Turner. Kristine read her essay, "An Insider Does Not Smoke," to those present. Rachel Jones played a piano solo.

Following the Awards presentation, refreshments were served in the fellowship hall. The next WCTU meeting will be at 7 p.m. June 22, in the Central Free Methodist Church in Pontoon Beach.

HONORS

MONA CALLIS of Granite City, a senior studying biological sciences at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, recently made a poster presentation at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Academy of Sciences, held at the University of Illinois campus in Chicago.

Her presentation, "Impact of Climate Change on Lake Level, Sault Lake, Gage County, Upper Peninsula of Michigan," was co-authored by Richard Brueggeman, an SIUE professor of biological sciences and chair of that department.

TONI MENDEZ of Granite City has been named a United States National Collegiate Award winner in the area of nursing. Her name will appear in the Academy's Official College Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Mendez, who attends Deaconess School of Nursing, was nominated by Dr. Jan Barrett, a professor at the college.

The daughter of Rich and Gerry Mendez of Granite City, Mendez is the granddaughter of Mary Schiller, also of Granite City.

TRACI LYNN MELL, daughter of John and Susan Mell of Granite City, received the Lindt Forensics Award at the April 23 Home Day Convocation at Culver-Stout College in Canton, Mo.

This annual award provides recognition to outstanding speech/drama students.

Mell is majoring in history and political science.



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Priceless compassion — Belleville Area College's Senior Companions were awarded for their service and compassion at a recognition luncheon held in their honor on May 15 at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine. Among the 110 companions honored were these from Granite City: They are, from left: June Cozart, Mary Holshouser, Wanda Powers and Warren Steinbecker.

McGary installed as pastor at St. John UCC

The Rev. Denise McGary was recently installed as the associate pastor of St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road in Granite City.

An afternoon worship service preceded the Service of Installation. The Rev. Martha Black, pastor of Faith-Salem UCC in Jennings, Mo., — Rev. McGary's home church — preached the sermon. The Chancel Choir of St. John presented the offertory anthem, "Without Love It Will All Pass Away." The Faith-Salem Choir presented the offertory anthem, "High Praise."

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Pictured, from left foreground, are the Rev. Ron Eslinger, Rev. Denise McGary, the Rev. Dick Mann. The St. John Chancel Choir is in the background.

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ence Minister, the Rev. Ron Eslinger, officiated at the Installation Ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Dick Mann of the Church and Ministry Committee. Church Council president Dr. Ron Trimmer presented the candidate, who was officially installed and accepted by the congregation of St. John and by Illinois South Conference representatives. After the service, a reception was held in the fellowship hall, decorated in a pink motif of table coverings and rose bouquets.

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Old quilt serves as reminder of years past

Lora Hollis and her sister, Florence Finazzo, recently showed off a quilt top pieced by their mother, Sallie Ann Robinson, while her new husband, James H. Robinson, was serving as a young soldier in the United States Army, stationed in France in World War I.

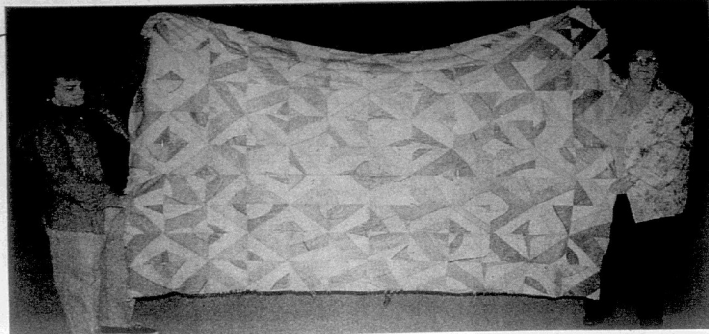
While James was serving his country, his sister, Mary, was working in a men's hat factory in Stewart County, Tenn. At the end of the work day, Mary would gather up the pieces of satin scraps of the material used to make the hat linings.

She would give them to her sister-in-law, Sallie Ann, who would sew them into a beautiful multicolored "scrap quilt."

The scrap quilt differed from the string quilt. The scrap quilt was made by sewing the small pieces onto a cloth backing, then the backing and the pieces were treated as one piece and were cut into squares, usually. Then, the squares were sewn together and the small pieces were enhanced by an embroidery stitch of a contrasting color outlined each piece.

The most common stitching was known as fence row embroidery. While the string quilt was made of cotton scraps sewn onto a paper backing. Although it was cut into the desired shape after being sewn onto the paper, it had no top stitching.

This more than 80-year-old



Above: Florence Finazzo (left) and Lora Hollis, daughters of Sallie Ann Robinson, hold a quilt their mother pieced together from scraps of hat lining material during World War I.

quilt has remained in the Robinson family all these years and is now a treasured heirloom of Lora Hollis, one of Sallie and James' seven children. Mrs. Hollis will display her quilt top at the Jolly Quilters Club Show on Sept. 19, at the Chouteau Township Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive (behind the Midwest Motel). The first-place winning quilt

from the last quilt show will also be on display.

We encourage area quilters to get their quilts ready; there will be fun and prizes. There is no charge to enter a quilt for judging. Winners will be chosen by the vote of the displayers and spectators.

Prizes of \$30 for first place, \$20 for second place and \$10 for third place, as well as rib-

bons for honorable mention, will be awarded.

Craft tables will be available at \$10 for those wishing to sell quilts or cloth crafts.

Anyone wishing to enter a quilt for show or to rent a table may call Maxine Dunham at 931-2714 or Lucy Colbert at 931-1268.

Seven named in district lawsuit

By Marge Wilson
Staff writer

In a lawsuit filed May 12 in the U.S. District Court in East St. Louis, six area residents and a former resident are accused of having misappropriated more than \$40 million from Ruth S. Reeves, 78, of Waterloo, the widow of the late George Reeves, a developer who died in 1979.

Named in the suit are Ronald D. Stanley, Kenneth Stumpf, Alan Stumpf and Arthur W. Morris, all of Waterloo, and Michael Friedman, Mund of St. Clair County; Ralph D. Johnson of Madison County; and Michael Friedman, a former Monroe County resident who now lives in Evansville, Ind.

The plaintiffs are Ruth Reeves, her daughter, Rebecca Brown; and Reeves' grandsons, Timothy Reeves, a business owner in Waterloo.

An attorney employed by the plaintiffs, Paul Brown of Chesterfield, Mo., said the overall allegations in the suit refer to sale-of-land funds due to Ruth Reeves that were never received and, in a nutshell, a lot of questionable transactions.

The "questionable transactions" have been going on for a number of years and were carried out by a group, Timothy Reeves said, so the suit fits under the RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) Act, he said. The RICO Act is broadly applied to a variety of cases.

"If liability is found under the RICO act, it's (the payment by the defendants) triple damages," Paul Brown said.

A different picture of the complicated suit was presented by Columbia attorney Floyd Crowder, who is representing two of the defendants, Kenneth

Stumpf and Alan Stumpf. On Monday he called the allegations of the suit "untrue, irresponsible and outrageous." An attorney in Crowder's office pointed out that several checks made out to Ruth Reeves are part of the exhibits in papers connected with the case.

Crowder said Alan Stumpf "is an ethical lawyer and enjoys a good reputation in the community." He said he was not involved in work with the Reeves estate as the complaint alleges. Similarly, Crowder described Kenneth Stumpf as "a man of good character and a respected farmer in the Monroe County area ... (who) paid fair market value for the land when he purchased it."

Land and property involved in the suit apparently were located in a number of places: Monroe County; St. Clair County; St. Louis County; Missouri; the city of St. Louis; and the states of Nebraska, Arkansas and California.

Referring to the suit's allegations of improper handling of his grandmother's funds by some of her financial advisers, Timothy Reeves said older people need to pay close attention to their finances.

"They really need to have their stuff reviewed every year by different people, such as close family, who have an interest in their older relative's holdings."

Crowder said that he doubts that the suit, for which a jury trial is demanded, will come to trial. He referred to the fact that a similar 1994 suit against Michael Friedman, formerly Ruth Reeves' attorney, was never tried. However, according to a local newspaper account, this suit was withdrawn because not all of the losses were stated. Reeves then attorney said.

Now is time to plan for '98 taxes

Even though you may have just filed your tax return a few weeks ago, it's never too early to start planning for next year.

TeleFax is an IRS recorded tax information service through which you can get information on more than 150 tax-related topics. You can also get an updated status report on your refund by calling the toll-free TeleFax number at 1-800-829-4477.

Refund information is updated weekly, so there's no need to call more than once a week, and be sure to have a copy of your tax return handy.

Of course, if you wish to speak to someone in person, call toll-free 1-800-829-1040 Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Travel club offers trekkers tour to Mackinac

On The Road Travel of Belleville, in cooperation with The Traveling Trekkers Volkspop Club, is sponsoring a bus tour to Mackinac Island, Mich., beginning Aug. 28 and returning Sept. 2.

Price is \$665 single, \$495 double per person.

For more information, call Norma at (618) 234-8309, Fax: (618) 234-8395 or E-mail: jim.norma87@juno.com.

50-year pin winners — Modern Woodmen Fraternal Society, Granite City Camp 3791 met March 26 at the Protestant Welfare newly-remodeled all-purpose meeting room, 1818 Cleveland. The group enjoyed a buffet, which was followed by a business meeting and "MWA" Bingo. The door prize was won by Otto Kreher, a 50-year-plus member of the fraternal society. Shown above, left, district representative Barbara Henderson (left) awards 50-year pins to Anabelle and Herman Hines. Above right, Henderson awards a 50-year pin to Otto Kreher. Members and guests of the camp meet the last Thursday of every month. For more information call District Representative Barbara Henderson at 345-9013.

Groups spout Earth Day message

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"There are so many natural ways to solve our problems, rather than through medication or through things like the patch for smokers," Murphy said.

And forget about all that waving the watch and "You're getting sleepy, sleepy" silliness, Murphy says.

"That's Vincent Price, late show stuff," Murphy says. "You're very relaxed, but very focused. You're not even asleep. You're awake and completely in control."

"It's like when you're a child and you're soaking something

in and learning. As you get older, you reject things."

About 14 years ago, Markie Riecke rejected meat as part of his diet. He didn't need hypnosis, though.

He said concerns about his diet, environmental pollution and animal rights led him to become a vegetarian and a spokesperson for the Vegetarian Society of Metropolitan St. Louis.

The group promotes the annual Great American Meat-Out and a Turkey-Free Thanksgiving.

"People talk about animal testing and we're against that, too, but 99 percent of the animals that are killed are killed for meat," Riecke said.

Riecke said he gets a good reception at Earth Day, as does Dan Shannon, a sales manager for Pedro's Planet, 597 Hanley Industrial Court in Brentwood.

Peter "Pedro" McMillan founded the company. Shannon is one of the business's sales managers. Pedro's Planet sells office supplies, mostly made from recycled products.

"We just can't keep on filling up landfill after landfill," Shannon said.

To a large degree, Shannon

said he is preaching to the choir at Earth Day. "This is a good audience," Shannon said. "We see a lot of our customers here. We always come here."

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Are schools schedule reunions

The following is a list of area schools planning reunions. Alumni are asked to call Taylor Reunion Services at (800) 677-7800, or send email to reunions@taylorpub.com to update address and phone numbers.

HAZELWOOD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1968 is looking for alumni for its 30-year reunion, scheduled Sept. 26 at Airport Marriott Hotel in St. Louis.

HAZELWOOD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled July 18 at Joe Hanon's.

HAZELWOOD EAST HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Aug. 8 at Patrick's at Westport Plaza in St. Louis.

HAZELWOOD WEST HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Sept. 12 at Patrick's at Westport Plaza.

KIRKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Nov. 28 at the Magic House in St. Louis.

LADUE HORTON WATKINS HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 is looking for alumni for its 20-year reunion, scheduled Aug. 15 at the Junior League of St. Louis.

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LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 is looking for alumni for its 20-year reunion, scheduled July 18 at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center in Chesterfield.

LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Sept. 12 at Patrick's at Westport Plaza.

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LINDERBERG HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1968 is looking for alumni for its 30-year reunion, scheduled Oct. 10 at the Holiday Southwest and Viking Conference Center in St. Louis.

LINDERBERG HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1973 is looking for alumni for its 25-year reunion, scheduled July 18 at Orlando Gardens on Hoffmeister.

LINDERBERG HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 is looking for alumni for its 20-year reunion, scheduled Aug. 1 at Orlando Gardens on Watson Road.

LINDERBERG HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Sept. 26 at the Orlando Gardens on Watson Road.

MEHLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 is looking for alumni for its 20-year reunion, scheduled June 13 at Sheraton Plaza Hotel in St. Louis.

MEHLVILLE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion. The date has not yet been set.

OAKVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 is looking for alumni for its 20-year reunion, scheduled Nov. 7 at the Holiday Southwest and Viking Conference Center in St. Louis.

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PARKWAY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 is looking for alumni for its 20-year reunion, scheduled Aug. 15 at the St. Louis Marriott West.

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PARKWAY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 is looking for alumni for its 20-year reunion, scheduled Aug. 8 at the Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel in St. Louis.

PARKWAY SOUTH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Classes of 1977-1979 are looking for alumni for their combined reunion, scheduled Oct. 3 at the Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center in Chesterfield.

PARKWAY WEST HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Sept. 19 at Harrah's Hotel in St. Louis.

PATTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Sept. 19 at Patrick's at Westport Plaza in St. Louis.

RITENOUR HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled Sept. 26 at Patrick's at Westport Plaza in St. Louis.

PARKWAY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled June 20 at Patrick's at Westport Plaza in St. Louis.

PARKWAY WEST HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 is looking for alumni for its 20-year reunion, scheduled June 27 at the St. Louis Marriott West.

UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1978 is looking for alumni for its 20-year reunion, scheduled Aug. 1 at the St. Louis Airport Marriott.

WEBSTER GROVES HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1988 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion, scheduled June 27 at Patrick's at Westport Plaza.

Occupational therapy helps the elderly

Ruth was an elderly Los Angeles woman afraid to ride city buses because she couldn't climb up the step to get aboard.

Thanks to a study being conducted by the University of Southern California, an occupational therapist created a practice step for her at home, then ushered her aboard a real bus one day.

"When she could get on the bus, she was on the threshold of a whole world of opportunity," says Florence Clark, lead author of the study.

The research shows preventive occupational therapy that teaches elderly people how to keep up daily activities improves their physical and mental health and helps them live independently.

Clark, chairman of USC's Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy, presented her results at the American Medical Association's Science Writers Conference in Washington. The study also appeared in a recent issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Clark said the study suggests that in an age of medical cost-cutting, occupational therapy could provide savings by delaying reliance on expensive nursing home care.

Healthy and independent is less expensive than sick and dependent," she said.

Occupational therapists traditionally help people with illness, injury or other impairments regain skills to lead a healthy, productive life. In the USC study, they sought to help seniors develop routines that balance work, rest, recreation and social life. Therapists sought the "day-right challenge" that would inspire each to take risks rather than remain housebound.

"Staying healthy is not just a matter of going to the gym and doing right," or simply keeping busy, Clark said.

To Clark, occupational therapists can be like "personal trainers" for the elderly, coaching them in the "lifestyle redesign" that takes into account their passions as well as limitations.

"Can they walk a block? Are they limited in going to visit their friends because of health issues?" she said.

Such considerations were incorporated into the Well Elderly Study, which looked at 361 residents of federally subsidized apartment buildings for low-income seniors in Los Angeles.

The subjects, ages 60 to 89, came from a broad mix of backgrounds and included blacks, Hispanics, whites and Asians. They were randomly divided into three groups.

The first group received two hours each week of group occupational therapy and an hour each month of individual therapy with personalized programs that were key to success, Clark said.

One control group participated in more than two hours of organized social activities each week, while the other control group had no activities or programs.

Therapists identified activities that would give seniors "a sense of contribution and a sense of accomplishment" and help them confront the fears that can isolate them.

In one group session, participants were helped to hop a bus to Long Beach, where they had to make choices about shopping and sightseeing.

At the end of nine months, those who received occupational therapy posted more gains and fewer declines than those in the two control groups, Clark reported. Researchers measured results using standard tests and questionnaires to rate health, mental attitude and life satisfaction.

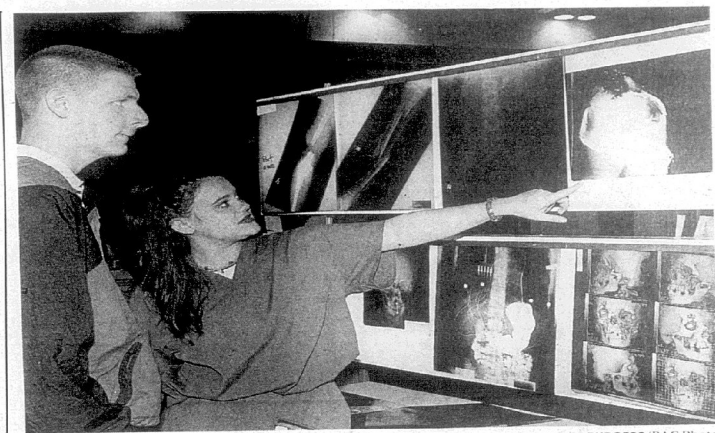
When it came to physical health problems that limited work and activities, the occupational therapy group showed an improvement of 1 percent, while the control groups declined by 13 percent, Clark said.

"In the measure of vitality, the (occupational therapy) group showed an increase of 6 percent, while the control groups declined by 2 percent," she said.

Dr. Gary Small, a psychiatry professor and director of the University of California, Los Angeles, Center on Aging, praised the study and its approach to aging.

"It's important to demonstrate that non-medical interventions have an impact," Small said.

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SHOW TIME — Wendy Hartlibb of Highland, a student in Belleville Area College's radiologic technology program explains the finer points of an X-ray to Eric Dawson, a senior at Mascoutah High School. The two were participating in the annual High School Visit Day, when area students are invited to BAC to learn about the educational and career opportunities offered there. More than 250 high school students attended this year's event.

Painting pros say 'prime it'

Before you start your next painting project, take a tip from the pros: use a primer-sealer as an undercoat before applying the finish paint.

Primer-sealers are convenient problem-solving products heavily used by professional painting contractors, but often overlooked by homeowners — that can make paint jobs look better and last longer. These products seal porous surfaces like new wood or drywall, and bond to slick surfaces like old glossy-painted walls and woodwork. They provide a sound base for the topcoat and give the finish paint a full, uniform appearance.

Using a primer-sealer can also be economical. High-quality primers are reasonably priced at about \$15-\$20 per gallon, usually less than the cost of a good quality finish paint. In sealing the surface they can help save on the amount of finish paint needed for the job.

Primers are readily available at your local hardware, home center, or paint and decorating store. They are easy to use, and typically come in a white-pigmented formula for hiding dark colors on underlying surfaces. And your dealer can tint the primer to match to color of the topcoat, which can also help save on the amount of finish paint you'll need.

When shopping for primers, look for performance rather than price. Primer performance is very important, as the sealing and adhesive properties of the first coat are critical to how the whole painting job turns out. Higher-quality products in this category are called stain-killing primer-sealers (as opposed to ordinary "primers" or "primer-sealers"). They prime, seal, and block dark colors, and also seal off troublesome marks and stains that can bleed through the finish paint (like graffiti, water stains, and water stains). They provide the best overall performance for the money.

Stain-killing primer-sealers perform the following functions:

✓ Provide great "enamel holdout," sealing the surface and preventing paint resin in the topcoat from "sinking in" to the substrate beneath.

With more paint resin staying on the surface, the pigment particles have the chance to bond better, resulting in improved gloss and scrubability. The topcoat forms a hard film and will stay better-looking and protect the surface for longer. In fact, two coats of paint will not wear as long as a coat of good-quality primer-sealer under one coat of the same paint.

✓ Adhere to hard-to-stick-to surfaces, including glass, tile, paneling, plastic laminates, metals, old glossy paints and varnishes or polyurethane trim and cabinetry (without prior sanding), making it possible to give whole rooms a total face-lift. A high-quality primer-sealer will also adhere to moderately "chalky" surfaces, like builder's flat paint, providing a sound base for the topcoat.

✓ Seal porous surfaces, like new wood, sheet rock, spackle spots, masonry and cured plaster, evening out surface porosity and eliminating "shiners" or high and low spots.

✓ Hide dark, unwanted colors, and block out marks and stains such as those from marker and pen scribbles, graffiti, grease, lipstick and crayon, so they do not bleed through the topcoat.

Unlike latex finish paints and ordinary primers, a high-quality stain-killing primer-sealer will seal off stains in cedar and redwood. And a shellac-based stain-killing primer-sealer seals off knots and sap streaks in new wood, and blocks out troublesome stains from water damage on walls and ceilings. The shellac resin will also seal out odors from smoke and fire damage, as well as pet urine.

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She needs convincing. The answer could be hypnosis.

Stephen Murphy is a member of the National Association of Hypnotists. He says "Earth Day" is great time for him to talk about hypnosis.

"There are so many natural ways to solve our problems, rather than through medication or through things like the patch for smokers," Murphy said.

And forget about all that waving the watch and "You're getting sleepy, sleepy" silliness, Murphy says.

"That's Vincent Price, late show stuff," Murphy says. "You're very relaxed, but very focused. You're not even asleep. You're awake and completely in control."

It's like when you're a child and you're soaking something in and learning. As you get older, you reject things.

About 14 years ago, Marke Rieke rejected meat as part of his diet. He didn't need hypnosis, though.

He said concerns about his diet, environmental pollution and animal rights led him to become a vegetarian and a spokesperson for the Vegetarian Society of Metropolitan St. Louis.

A group promotes the annual Great American Meat-Out and a Turkey-Free Thanksgiving.

"People talk about animal testing and we're against that, too, but 99 percent of the animals that are killed are killed for meat," Rieke said.

Rieke said he gets a good reception at Earth Day, as does Dan Shannon, a sales manager for Pedro's Planet, 597 Hanley Industrial Court in Brentwood.

Peter "Pedro" McMillan founded the company. Shannon is one of the business's sales managers. Pedro's Planet sells office supplies, mostly made from recycled products.

"We just can't keep on filling up landfill after landfill," Shannon said.

To a large degree, Shannon said he is preaching to the choir at Earth Day.

"This is a good audience," Shannon said. "We see a lot of our customers here. We always come here."

BTHS reunion June 12-14

The Belleville Township High School Class of 1943 will hold its 55th reunion June 12-14. Class members wishing to play golf should call Robert Etling at 233-7746. Tee-off time is 9 a.m. June 12 at St. Clair Country Club in Belleville.

The reunion begins with an informal get-together at 7 p.m. June 12 at Fischer's Restaurant in Belleville.

A dinner dance will be held at 6:30 p.m. June 13 at the St. Clair Country Club.

For reservation, call Don Knepkamp at 233-8261 or Ken Reynolds at 233-0926.

Transit District to thank Redbird riders

Redbird Express bus riders are about to get a "Thank You" from the St. Clair County Transit District.

"In order to show our appreciation to our many Redbird Express riders, we are once again sponsoring a special night at Busch Stadium," said Delores Lyskowski, chairwoman of the District. "This is our way of saying 'thank you' to our loyal Redbird riders."

The District has ordered 750 Transit Reserved seats, which will be made available on a first-come-first-served basis for the July 13 game at 7:10 p.m. when the Cardinals take

on the Cincinnati Reds. The tickets will be \$5.50 each and will be accompanied by two one-ride Redbird Express bus passes for each ticket sold.

Buses for St. Clair County Transit District Night will depart from the parking lot at St. Clair Square near the water tower and, for this special night only, service will be provided from the District's bus stop located at 211 E. A St. in Belleville. Additional stops will also be provided along the route in Belleville. For additional information or to order tickets call 618-632-3712.

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